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	Michael Subin



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1 Councilmember Praisner,
2 The Council President called in, the Council meeting will start at 9:45.

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6 Council President Leventhal,
7 Taxpayers look out, the Montgomery County Council is back in session! We have the
8 Gaithersburg Aquatic Center issue before us. I know that the Chairman of the PHED
9 Committee is on his way, but I will ask Ms. Praisner to begin the discussion by
10 describing the Committee majority position, and let us hope Mr. Silverman will be here
11 to describe the Committee's minority position.

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13 Councilmember Praisner,
14 This is a Capital Improvements Program Project the County Executive sent over as part
15 of his budget adjustments. This budget adjustment deals with the Department of
16 Recreation but it is not a Department of Recreation project. His adjustment contributes
17 \$6 million to the City of Gaithersburg, I'll give you time to sit down, for a Gaithersburg
18 Aquatic Center and the funding is current revenue and the appropriation would be
19 spread over three years: '07, \$2 million; '08, \$2 million; and '09 \$2 million. The City will
20 be responsible for building the center and will pay the operating costs. Several issues,
21 one of which included a memorandum of understanding that would help justify the
22 County contributing to a City project and that would be that County residents are
23 expected, where there are entry and usage fees, to pay fees of the same rate as the
24 residents of the City. Ms. Floreen and I supported the project but with a different
25 financial distribution and for a different total. We supported \$4 million with a contribution
26 of \$1 million for each of those four years. And I guess Mr. Silverman is here. So I will
27 stop.

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29 Council President Leventhal,
30 Mr. Silverman?

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32 Councilmember Silverman,
33 Thank you, Mr. President, thank you, Ms. Praisner. I'd like to ask the City Reps to come
34 up, I know Mr. Katz was going to be here yesterday, but has an obligation this morning
35 and was not going to be able to be here. So, perhaps if we could indulge...

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37 Council President Leventhal,
38 Sure.

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40 Councilmember Silverman,
41 And get the City to tell us about the project.

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43 Council President Leventhal,
44 Great, let's have the City Manager press the button in front of his microphone and
45 introduce himself.

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2 David Humpton,
3 Good morning, Dave Humpton, City Manager. We're glad to be back before you all. This
4 is an exciting partnership. We are on the cusp of building what we believe on would be
5 another quality project for Gaithersburg City residents and Montgomery County
6 residents, and that's the partnership. I think Ms. Praisner laid out the -- pretty well -- the
7 arrangements we've made in terms of, and there will be fees charged for the project.
8 The County residents, the City residents would pay those same fees. The project has
9 been previously described, I think, to all of you, as a major aquatics center, also a
10 gymnasium, which is also needed by the City and County residents. There will be a
11 fitness center as well as meeting rooms for the community to use for various functions,
12 so, we think it will benefit Gaithersburg and benefit the needs for recreation, meeting
13 needs and aquatics within that portion of the County. And quite honestly with the growth
14 in that area of greater Gaithersburg, including the Shady Grove sector, the Crown Farm,
15 the future plan for the Banks Farm, which will serve the Aquatics Center well with the
16 R&D. And the scientists would hopefully be there some day, that we think it's really a
17 win/win. We have a long-standing relationship on many projects with the County and we
18 hope you all will come up with the \$6 million, with the schedule, which is in the County
19 Executive's budget. If you have questions, we're happy to try to respond.

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21 Council President Leventhal,
22 Okay. Several lights are on. Mr. Andrews?

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24 Councilmember Andrews,
25 Thank you, Mr. President. I believe that Mr. Silverman may want to make a motion on
26 this.

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28 Councilmember Silverman,
29 I can defer to the two people from Gaithersburg if they want to.

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31 Councilmember Andrews,
32 All right. Okay. All right. I'm going to move Mr. Silverman's position and Committee and
33 the reason I'm going to do that is because I think this would be announced any
34 partnership between the City and the County. The City is asking for a County
35 contribution of \$6 million for the project which is projected to cost a little over \$21
36 million. So, they're asking for less than 30% of the cost of the project. This facility would
37 be located right on the border of the City and the County off of Route 28. I think it is an
38 ideal location to serve residents both who are in the City and outside and the City has
39 agreed to have the same fees for City and noncity residents in perpetuity, at this facility
40 and agreed to cover all future maintenance costs. So, it is a one-time contribution from
41 the County to build the Aquatic Center, which would follow in the very successful
42 tradition, I have no doubt of the experience we have had in Germantown and with our
43 other aquatic facilities in Olney and the White Flint area. So, I want to commend those
44 who have worked on this project. I think it will be a very successful one, the demand, I
45 think, is clearly there. And there are many, many thousands of people both within and

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1 outside the City of Gaithersburg that will benefit from the project. So, I do think the \$6
2 million is a reasonable request that the County should fund and there is a need, as well,
3 for the city to have the funding on a schedule that allows it to move forward
4 expeditiously to have the project move on track. The Executive's recommendation was
5 for \$2 million in FY07, \$2 million in FY '08 and \$2 million in FY '09. That's what I would
6 move and ask the Council to support.

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8 Councilmember Subin,
9 Second.

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11 Council President Leventhal,
12 Mr. Andrew has moved and Mr. Subin has seconded. The County Executive's
13 recommended levels for the Gaithersburg Aquatic Center. Mr. Subin?

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15 Councilmember Subin,
16 Thank you, Mr. President. I think the number of issues here and why it is first of all, I
17 guess I need to go on the record here and say the pool is three feet from my house, a
18 little bit more than that, but it's very close. David would know the distance. The City is
19 asking for \$6 million on the \$20 million project. That means it will cost us \$6 million if we
20 go with the Executive's plan and Mr. Andrews motion. There has been talk for a long
21 time about a North Potomac Rec Center that we would have to put in to meet the needs
22 of both the County and City residents in that area. Subsequent to the discussions, the
23 City has put in Lakelands Park in return of that in a minute. Now with the pool, there
24 would be no need for a Rec Center. Everything is in place there. They've got the green
25 buildings, they've got the school that is there now. There are a number of fields that are
26 available to residents. Plus the fact, I think we need to put in perspective that in the last,
27 when was the Lakelands Middle School, David? Five years ago?

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29 David Humpton,
30 It's only, no, no it's, it just opened...

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32 Councilmember Subin,
33 Just opened a year ago, so, that's two years, three years, it's five years ago that the
34 planning for Lakelands Middle started. Without the City's cooperation, there would be no
35 Lakelands Middle School. In fact there might not be second middle school in the Quince
36 Orchard Cluster because there was no land available for a school. For land that that
37 school is on was supposed to be a part of the park. And the City had been told many
38 times, not once, not twice, not three times, they kept going back to the school system.
39 Will you need... nope, won't need anything. Will you need... nope, won't need anything.
40 Then as soon as the uses of that land get identified, wasn't that where the pool is
41 supposed to be? Hello? They give up the site of the pool. They have to go running
42 around for another one and we get the land for the school for nothing. And then
43 discussions, fast forward several years to Crown Farm. And we get 33 acres for a high
44 school, for how much did you charge us, David? Nothing. How much is it worth?



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1 David Humpton,
2 Millions.

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4 Councilmember Subin,
5 Literally and figuratively tens of millions. And so now we're quibbling about \$2 million,
6 when we've been given about \$50 million worth of land by the City. Those are odds I'll
7 take any time, 50 to 6? It's pretty good. I mean I think we need to demonstrate to the
8 City that there's some additional good faith here. Because without this, this pool we
9 would actually have to go in and do the Rec Center. And the Rec Center, Mr. Silverman,
10 how much do they go for?

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12 Councilmember Silverman,
13 Oh, gosh.

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15 Councilmember Praisner,
16 Plenty. Plenty. Plenty.

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18 Councilmember Subin,
19 I mean this, this is a good deal for County residents. It is an outstanding deal for County
20 residents. Whether it's located on this spot or a mile away in towards 270 somewhere.
21 We're not going to do any better. Putting into perspective what the City has provided to
22 the County for schools that are also used for community and recreational services, we
23 are coming out so far ahead. This \$2 million difference is insignificant and the \$6 million
24 that we put in and is now available to County residents, the same rate as City residents,
25 we're not going to get a better deal. So, I think it would be foolish to not go ahead with
26 the Executive's recommendation, move on with the Committee minority's
27 recommendation, allow the City to move forward.

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29 Council President Leventhal,
30 Ms. Floreen.

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32 Councilmember Floreen,
33 I don't believe that it's been part of the conversation that the North Potomac Rec Center
34 wouldn't go forward. I don't know if anyone can speak to that here.

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36 Jeff Bourne,
37 For the record, Jeff Bourne with the Department of Recreation. The current
38 administration-proposed CIP would include both projects.

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40 Councilmember Silverman,
41 But Jeff, when?

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43 Councilmember Floreen,
44 When?



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1 Councilmember Silverman,
2 When? The North Potomac is, you know, years.

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4 Councilmember Floreen,
5 There was a problem, wasn't there?

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7 Jeff Bourne,
8 Land acquisition is currently ongoing. So the current schedule places that at, if you bear
9 with me for just a second...

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11 Councilmember Knapp,
12 I think it was pushed back to FY '012

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14 Jeff Bourne,
15 Commencing design not earlier than '09.

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17 Councilmember Floreen,
18 So, several years out. But that project is going to continue? Right? How far away from
19 this is that? It's a couple of miles away.

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21 Jeff Bourne,
22 As the crow flies, perhaps a couple of miles, straight line distance.

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24 Councilmember Floreen,
25 I just think it's important for the record to reflect the fact that this was never intended to
26 replace the North Potomac Rec Initiative, because someone might take that, reach that
27 conclusion based on what we've been talking about. Okay, thank you.

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29 Council President Leventhal,
30 Well other Councilmembers have been waiting, Mr. Perez?

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32 Councilmember Perez,
33 Thank you. Quick question for you. Good morning. Tell me a little bit more about the
34 gym. Is it, what's the size that you envision? Is it going to be roughly akin to an
35 elementary school or a middle school gym, or something else?

36
37 [Michelle McGleish],
38 It is going to be a middle school-size gymnasium.

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40 Councilmember Perez,
41 Of this project, the estimated cost of the entire project is \$20 million?

42
43 David Humpton,
44 It's a \$21 million project now without land costs.



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1 Councilmember Perez,

2 All right. How much do you believe, what percentage of that cost is the gym? What do
3 you think it's going to cost to put the gym up?

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5 Tony Tomasello,

6 I don't know that we, we had a...

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8 Councilmember Perez,

9 Is that a difficult question to breakdown?

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11 Tony Tomasello,

12 It is because we had...

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14 Councilmember Perez,

15 You know, I don't want to take your time today, but would you mind getting back to me, I
16 intend to support Mr. Andrews' motion, but I'm very interested in learning about the cost
17 of gyms around this County. I just, I just have an interest so...

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19 Bill Bullough,

20 The difficulty will be we had a feasibility study done. Combining the gym with the swim
21 center allows to take advantage of...

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23 Councilmember Perez,

24 It's economy to scale there.

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26 Bill Bullough,

27 Indeed.

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29 Councilmember Perez,

30 No doubt about it. Maybe we will have to think about a swim center, as well!

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32 [LAUGHTER]

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34 Councilmember Perez,

35 That's correct, absolutely, but I would be very grateful if you're able to break that down, I
36 have an interest in that so thank you.

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38 Council President Leventhal,

39 Ms. Praisner.

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41 Councilmember Praisner,

42 Yes, I appreciate the comments that were made and especially my colleagues on the
43 Committee's comments about my understanding of the North Potomac Recreation
44 Center, which, as I recall, will probably be much more expensive than any other
45 recreation centers that, not from a standpoint of construction, but from a standpoint of

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land costs, which are much higher than has been our experience recently with other recreation centers and, in fact, almost led OMB to suggest that other recreation centers had to be placed on publicly-owned land because we were spending so much money on this one. Fortunately the Committee and my colleague, Mr. Silverman, in reviewing other projects, disabused OMB of that judgment, that that is the assumption one has to deal with, seems it should be treated as equitably as possible. This is not in my view, as far as the Committee's recommendation, and I'll stay with the Committee's recommendation, opposition to the project. I think it is a good deal and a partnership. The question is when you're looking at the '06 money is not available for '07. And last time I looked we have a problem in '07 and '08 in trying to make this go forward. There is a way to solve this problem. The City of Gaithersburg does not borrow money. They have no debt. Montgomery County is covering significant debt. The City could borrow the money with the understanding and show the commitment of the County to funding in whatever years we could fit it in and that would still allow the contribution and the relationship to continue because I do think it's a good deal for everybody, but my only concern in the process was timing and dollars and trying to fit them in with the myriad of other issues that we're facing and the priority process for a project that, in my view, is an excellent project, but has other options, in my view, for responding immediately and can be assisted in another way without hurting the project going forward.

Council President Leventhal,
Mr. Subin, you have the floor.

Councilmember Subin,
Thank you, Mr. President. Dave, first of all, congratulations on being the number two livable city in the United States.

David Humpton,
Absolutely.

Councilmember Subin,
Despite my being there. In this \$20 million, is there land acquisition?

David Humpton,
No, the land was purchased several years ago, it's not part of the \$21 million budget.

Tony Tomasello,
The total budget is 25...

David Humpton,
24 point something.

Councilmember Subin,
When did you purchase the land?



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1 David Humpton,
2 At the same time the agreement was made with the County Council to use the site for
3 Lakelands Park Middle School.

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5 Councilmember Subin,
6 So, you already put \$4.6 million into this project?

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8 David Humpton,
9 We have more than that, yeah.

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11 Councilmember Subin,
12 That's \$4.6 million that we, what was the value of the land that the middle school went
13 up? Is that 5 acres?

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15 Michelle McGleish,
16 No, a little over 8. It's 8.111. The site that we currently have is 7.49.

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18 Councilmember Subin,
19 That's 8.1 for the school site. Plus the fields that they get preference for during the day.
20 Plus the tennis courts that are out there for the school during the day. So, then that \$6
21 million is an even smaller percentage and they've already saved us. Even if you go by
22 the additional land cost, \$4.6 millions, and I would submit that land in the Lakelands is
23 going to be much, worth much more than what is being shown here than what they
24 bought the other land for. So then the numbers that went before the Committee are
25 understated in terms of what the City has already provided. And so whether or not they
26 bond, which, you know, this is their policy, but their policies have given us Lakelands
27 Middle School lands. It's given us the high school site at Crown Farm and enabled us to
28 do things that we ordinarily would not have been able to do or would have cost us, even
29 if you use the \$4.6 million, which I think is understated, \$45 million. And quibbling over
30 two. And the fact they do or do not go out for bonds. And do everything on PayGo. And
31 there are other sites in this County where they, that they, in that City where they have
32 contributed. I think it's, it isn't prudent to reject the Executive's request of the City's
33 request of \$6 million.

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35 Council President Leventhal,
36 I think we're very near to a vote. Mr. Silverman?

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38 Councilmember Silverman,
39 I know, I just have a very narrow question. Just, this is a three-year contribution. What's,
40 how's the cash flow going to work? I'm just saying, I mean, let's be up front about this.
41 I'm supporting this. My question is not about the \$6 million, but does it, is it going to
42 have an impact on the schedule, depending, whether our contributions are 2, 2 and 2 as
43 opposed to in different years.

44
45 David Humpton,



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1 Are you talking about spreading the \$6 million...

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3 Councilmember Silverman,
4 Not beyond 3 years. I'm talking about within the three years.

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6 David Humpton,
7 Well, it really works well the way we've laid it out. We would have adequate money in
8 '07 to plan it fully, you know, do all the engineering, get all the approvals we need for the
9 process. I would be able to sign a contract in '08 and build it into '09, it's going to take
10 18 months at least to build this major facility. So, the \$6 million works very well on our
11 schedule. I will just leave it at that.

12
13 Councilmember Silverman,
14 Okay.

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16 David Humpton,
17 To deviate from that, to push it out...

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19 Councilmember Silverman,
20 I'm not saying that, I'm asking what happens hypothetically if it's \$1 million in '07 and the
21 other \$5 million in '08 and '09, does that make a difference in terms of your schedule?
22 You can get back to us.

23
24 David Humpton,
25 Yeah, I, the preference is to stick with the schedule that was laid out.

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27 Councilmember Silverman,
28 Okay. That's not my question.

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30 David Humpton,
31 I know.

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33 Councilmember Silverman,
34 Why don't you get back to us since we would all like to make sure that we work
35 cooperatively on this.

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37 Council President Leventhal,
38 Mr. Andrews?

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40 Councilmember Andrews,
41 I just wanted to add that one other bonus of this project is that the director of the City of
42 Gaithersburg Recreation Department, Michelle McGleish, is a world class triathlete and
43 no doubt will contribute to this project, as well.

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45 Council President Leventhal,



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1 Ms. Floreen?

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3 Councilmember Floreen,
4 You are getting some money from the developer of the Crown Farm, aren't you? That's
5 going into this?

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7 David Humpton,
8 It's been proposed. The City Council hasn't taken that issue up yet.

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10 Councilmember Floreen,
11 When will they take that issue up?

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13 David Humpton,
14 It will probably be voted on sometime in June.

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16 Councilmember Floreen,
17 And what's the contribution to this project?

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19 David Humpton,
20 It's proposed at \$5 million.

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22 Councilmember Floreen,
23 \$5 million. So, there's a timing issue that could be resolved with respect to that, as well.

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25 David Humpton,
26 Potential.

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28 Councilmember Floreen,
29 I think if we could get an adjustment of the schedule, as Mr. Silverman proposes, that
30 would be way to make this work in our '07 year in particular. I would propose, Mr.
31 Silverman's solution of adjusting dispersal to \$1 million in '07 and the rest split between
32 '08 and '09.

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34 David Humpton,
35 Let me ask Mr. Tomasello to review the schedule in more detail.

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37 Tony Tomasello,
38 Thanks, Dave, we...

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40 Councilmember Floreen,
41 They've saved up in Gaithersburg...

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43 Tony Tomasello,
44 We expect to go into the design phase in '07...



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1 Council President Leventhal,
2 There is a motion before the Council are you...

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4 Councilmember Floreen,
5 I'm not asking a question.

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7 Council President Leventhal,
8 Are you proposing an amendment, Ms. Floreen?

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10 Councilmember Floreen,
11 I'm proposing a friendly amendment.

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13 Council President Leventhal,
14 Do you want to restate the amendment?

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16 Councilmember Floreen,
17 Which would be to adjust the dispersal rate, the appropriation to \$1 million in '07. And to
18 split, split the difference in '08 and '09.

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20 Council President Leventhal,
21 Is that acceptable to the makers of the motion? Mr. Andrews?

22
23 Councilmember Andrews,
24 So, it would be \$1 million in '07, \$2.5 million in '08, \$2.5 million in '09?

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26 Councilmember Floreen,
27 That's right.

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29 Councilmember Andrews,
30 All right, I will accept that.

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32 Councilmember Floreen,
33 Great, thank you.

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35 Council President Leventhal,
36 Without objection, the motion will be so amended. Are we ready to vote? Those in favor
37 of the motion as amended will signify by raising their hands. It is Mr. Knapp, Mr.
38 Andrews, Mr. Perez, myself, Mr. Silverman, Mr. Subin, Ms. Floreen, and Mr. Denis.
39 Those opposed will signify by raising their hands. That is Ms. Praisner. The motion
40 carries...

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42 Councilmember Praisner,
43 For the record, I'm staying with the Committee's position in Committee.

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45 Council President Leventhal,



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1 Okay.

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3 David Humpton,
4 Thank you very much.

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6 Council President Leventhal,
7 I hope the project proceeds swimmingly.

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9 [LAUGHTER]

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11 David Humpton,
12 Ouch!

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14 Council President Leventhal,
15 We now have before the Council the Nondepartmental Account for the Takoma Park
16 Library annual payment. The library annual payment is required under County code
17 section 2-53. It's a formula payment. This year it comes to \$103,620. That is what the
18 formula dictates, that's what the County Executive has recommended. That's the
19 amount recommended by the Health and Human Services Committee. There are no
20 lights. Without objection, the payment to the Takoma Park Library will be adopted. We
21 now move to the Department of Public Libraries FY07 operating budget. This budget
22 comes to the Council recommended by the Health and Human Services Committee. In
23 sum, the HHS committee concurred with majority of the Executive's recommended
24 \$37.98 million operating budget for libraries. The only significant change was not a
25 recommended cut, but rather a transfer of funding of \$200,000 for facility maintenance.
26 This would be transferred from the library budget to the Department of Public Works
27 and Transportation Budget. This is really just a bookkeeping measure since the work
28 would have been carried out by the Department of Public Works and Transportation. In
29 any event, this just eliminates the middle man. There are also a number of additions to
30 the Reconciliation List which we will get through. We are experimenting this year, I'm
31 page 3 of the memo, with program budgeting in this one department. Over time, as our
32 technology becomes more proficient, we hope to use program budgeting across County
33 Government, but working with the Chief Administrative Officer, and through the
34 expression of interest of the Management and Fiscal Policies Committee we've
35 identified the Department of Libraries as the First Department where program budgeting
36 may be carried out. There is a program structure recommended in this memo, and
37 welcome Parker Hamilton, I'm jumping in. And I haven't given you a chance to make an
38 opening statement, would you like to make an opening statement to the Council? And
39 introduce yourself, please.

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41 Parker Hamilton,
42 Let's see...

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44 Council President Leventhal,
45 You got it right the first time, the light doesn't go on.

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Parker Hamilton,
It doesn't go on?

Council President Leventhal,
No, but I can hear you just fine.

Parker Hamilton,
Okay, you can hear me, excellent. Thank you. It is a pleasure to participate in the work session as you go over the County Executive's recommended budget for libraries. I want to thank Essie McGuire for all of her help in getting in our questions asked and answered. I want to thank the Council for the past funding as a result of the funding that you have approved for us, Montgomery County Public Libraries is where the County reads, where the County learns, and where the County meets. Thank you.

Council President Leventhal,
All right, very good, thanks. Do you want to explain what they're doing on program budgeting, please?

Parker Hamilton,
Actually I'll let Eric explain what we're doing with program budgeting.

Council President Leventhal,
Introduce yourself, please.

Eric Carzon,
Thanks, Eric Carzon, ASC for libraries. We're taking the opportunity program budgeting to recast our programs a little bit. In the past we had three programs, one, the largest program for general services to the public. We had a program we called targeted service for special population, and we had a program we called administration, but the administration program really included all of the staff that would deal with materials. The services to the general population included the money we spend on materials and all the staff of all the branches. The targeted populations included several staff from different libraries who work specifically on children's programming or special needs, library services, et cetera. So, we have taken this opportunity for program budgeting to realign our programs with our divisional structure, which also aligns then with how we describe our budget and our financial spending in the financial systems, so that next year when you ask me to report on what I spent on each of my programs, I will actually be able to tell you by going into the financial system and getting a report. At the same time, it will describe, I think better for the public, the core areas of library services and how we really implement those services. So, there will be a program for collection materials and that will include all the staff that deal with materials and all the money that goes into acquiring materials and packaging and preparing them for distribution to the libraries. That would be a program for all the day-to-day public services, that's all the branches, including branches that target special populations and all of the branches.

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1 And one of the reasons for that, as well, while we, of course, do need to have special
2 library services for targeted populations, we have also made a push in recent years as
3 most of the country has, to make sure that all services try to accommodate the needs of
4 all of the diversity of the community, including people with special needs. And in fact at
5 this moment about half of our staff is in the training on how to give good customer
6 service to folks with special needs. The other half of the staff will take the training in two
7 weeks. Finally, a program called administration outreach and public support. It, of
8 course, includes standard administration, which means the director's office and
9 business office. It also includes a fairly large operating expense component for all of the
10 general contracts that are run by the business office and administration in support of
11 general library services, including like the contract for public copying, the contract for
12 not the contract, but the arrangements for telecommunications cost, et cetera, supplies,
13 things like that.

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15 Council President Leventhal,
16 Ms. Praisner?

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18 Councilmember Praisner,
19 I wanted to comment on the whole program budgeting process. The Library
20 Department, I wanted to say, has been very cooperative Eric, Parker, I want to thank
21 you all over much. We obviously have a learning curve with all of this. We also have, as
22 I think the Council is aware, very antiquated financial system that makes it difficult with
23 the budget documents, but it's a piece of routine, of just continuing to use the same
24 terms over and over again without examining the relevance. It's a similar comment that
25 we made with the public information office, where the categories and descriptions in the
26 budget book really don't make sense anymore, if they ever did. And we need to
27 organize our budgets in a way that are more transparent for the public, but also provide
28 a better accountability and record keeping. I think this is a great first start. Again, I want
29 to thank you all for your cooperation and the speed with which you attacked this issue
30 and look forward to working with you, if, as you work through this, in the fiscal year with
31 the appropriation, you identify any issues, I think it would be important, not only for the
32 Health and Human Services Committee by virtue of the library itself and library services,
33 but MFP from a standpoint of the overall initiative to know what your experiences might
34 be and either through technology or the budget process, anything becomes problematic.

35
36 Parker Hamilton,
37 Thank you. We're really pleased to be a part of the process to take this forward.

38
39 Council President Leventhal,
40 Excellent. Well, thank you very much, look forward to learning how this works. We hope
41 it will be a template for future similar efforts in other agencies. We are on page 4 of the
42 memo, there are two new libraries opening in the near-term. Rockville Library expected
43 opening day is when, Ms. Hamilton?

44
45 Parker Hamilton,

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1 Fall.

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3 Council President Leventhal,
4 Fall of this year. Rockville Library expected to open in fall of this year. The Executive
5 recommended \$229,000 above last year to increase staff at the new Rockville Library
6 and \$164,000 to increase materials for the new library. The Committee agreed with the
7 County Executive on that. The special needs library is planned to move, the collection is
8 planned to move after the Rockville collection that will, that will allow the special needs
9 library to stay open longer during the move period. In Germantown, we don't yet have a
10 completion date.

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12 Parker Hamilton,
13 Late fall.

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15 Council President Leventhal,
16 Late fall.

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18 Parker Hamilton,
19 Late fall is what we're looking at.

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21 Council President Leventhal,
22 Late fall, okay. Looking forward to that. And the Executive recommended \$115,000 and
23 1.6 work years to increase staff at the new Germantown Library and \$84,000 to
24 increase materials at the new library, the Health and Human Services Committee
25 agreed with the Executive's recommendations there. There was a glitch, I'm on the
26 middle to bottom of page 5. There was a glitch with respect to payments made to library
27 pages, it requires correction to meet our personnel regulations and bargaining
28 requirements. This requires an increase of \$666,440 and 2.9 work years to reclassify
29 this. The HHS Committee recommended we go along with that. Were the lights
30 regarding the Rockville and Germantown Libraries, I'm sorry, I moved too fast.

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32 Councilmember Praisner,
33 Yes, Rockville and Germantown Councilmembers.

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35 Council President Leventhal,
36 I see the Rockville and Germantown Councilmembers would like to speak. Mr.
37 Andrews?

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39 Councilmember Andrews,
40 Thank you, Mr. President. All of us are very excited about the opening of the new library
41 in the fall. One of the concerns that I know the Committee has had and the Council has
42 has been the reduction in staffing over the last two years that hit some of the libraries
43 hard. And we've heard from people who are concerned about the proposed staffing
44 levels for the libraries about whether they're adequate to cover the facility, which are
45 much larger than the current ones and are on at least two floors. And so I don't have a



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1 specific motion at the moment on this, but I think it's going to be very important to
2 assess whether the library staffing for the new libraries actually turns out to be
3 adequate. I don't want to lay out my concerns now that it appears that it's going to be
4 problematic. Do you have any comments on the current proposed staffing levels and
5 what you think the impact will be?

6
7 Parker Hamilton,

8 I think it is something that we will have to monitor very carefully . The current
9 complement even with the special needs library staff going to Rockville Library is lower
10 than the FY '99 staff complement for Rockville library. It is something that bears close
11 attention.

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13 Council President Leventhal,
14 Mr. Knapp?

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16 Councilmember Knapp,

17 I would build on that. Everyone in Germantown was excited about the opening of the
18 new library. We're not sure, we've had the peaks and valleys right now. So you said the
19 completion date late fall.

20
21 Parker Hamilton,

22 The completion date that we're looking at right now is not definite. It is late fall.

23
24 Councilmember Knapp,

25 That's completion, that's not move in. We're looking at two months beyond that. So,
26 nobody should be anticipating to be having a celebration at the library much before the
27 holidays?

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29 Parker Hamilton,

30 I would agree with that.

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32 Councilmember Knapp,

33 I would echo Mr. Andrew's comments, I've heard a number of concerns from folks as
34 we've anticipated this move because of the layout of the library is just how do we know
35 that the staffing numbers that you have are relative to the size of other libraries, seem to
36 be appropriate. I know there is great anxiety in the part of library staff, and the Library
37 Action Committee is to given that, what type of measure do we look at and each of the
38 libraries to determine if we have enough bodies there. The other thing, I'm just curious,
39 we had appropriated additional resources last year and anticipate the opening of the
40 library this current fiscal year. What have question done with the additional resources
41 since obviously we haven't allocated it to the new library because it's not open yet?

42
43 Parker Hamilton,

44 We're in the process of recruiting for the staff. We anticipate hopefully identifying people
45 with appropriate skills, probably late summer. If the library is not available to us, which it

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1 doesn't look like it's going to be, we will ensure that those staff members are trained and
2 will use them in other areas of the Library Department. It's very difficult to recruit and
3 attract children's librarians. That's one of the positions we need to look at and also
4 senior librarian is a difficult recruit, as well. We thought it's important to get that started,
5 and we do have the opportunity to determine when they start, we thought the
6 recruitment was important to get started.

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8 Councilmember Knapp,
9 I guess more basically, the question is that the work years are going to be the same
10 number of work years, but you actually had dollars appropriated into those accounts
11 they wouldn't be allocated to the Germantown Library, because we haven't spent
12 anything additional up there, so, I'm curious as to where those dollars get reallocated to,
13 right?

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15 Eric Carzon,
16 Are you talking about the personnel working years?

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18 Councilmember Knapp,
19 We have at least \$130,000 that we're spending someplace. We allocated on \$115,000
20 in '06 for two new work years. The work years will stay there. We're not going to spend
21 the money this year on those work years so...

22
23 Eric Carzon,
24 It becomes part of the, which is discussed later in the packet, the lapsed savings
25 equation. We had, we had unbudgeted personnel expenses related to the pages
26 reclassification. We had demanded jobs.

27
28 Councilmember Knapp,
29 So you just moved those dollars around.

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31 Eric Carzon,
32 It contributed to the need.

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34 Councilmember Knapp,
35 Got it, that's that I was checking on. I guess the other thing I would encourage and I
36 appreciate the fact that there have been a couple of meetings with the community so
37 far, to keep them apprised of the status of the library, it would probably be worthwhile to
38 try and get one more scheduled before everyone disappears for the summer. I think,
39 anyplace I go most people continue to drive by the library, it's pretty obvious to them
40 that it's not going to open anytime soon. We ought to make sure there's a formal
41 discussion as to when and I have a number of phone calls in with DPWT and I know we
42 go back and forth at staff level, but I know it's important to make sure we get that out
43 there and to try and lock in a date as quickly as we can, because at this point, we're
44 over a year behind.



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1 Parker Hamilton,
2 I agree with you. We have kept the library Advisory Committee apprised of what's going
3 on, but it is time for another community meeting. We will get that scheduled.
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5 Councilmember Knapp,
6 Yes, and if possible, I'd like to get an update, I know Maria has done a good job of
7 reallocating where the summer programs are going to make sure all the pieces are
8 addressed, but to get a sense of what the impact has been, if any, as a result of kind of
9 the lack of progress, are we getting fewer people for the summer reading programs?
10 Are we getting more people? Just to see what's the impact has been.
11

12 Parker Hamilton,
13 My guess is that we will probably get the same amount. The word is out that the library
14 will not close and the summer reading program will go on.
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16 Councilmember Knapp,
17 Okay, thank you.
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19 Council President Leventhal,
20 Mr. Andrews?
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22 Councilmember Andrews,
23 Ms. Hamilton can you narrow down the month or so, the anticipated opening date for
24 Rockville. I remember in the committee you indicated you thought the construction to be
25 done around August, then it's a month or two to get all the materials in that you need to
26 get set up.
27

28 Parker Hamilton,
29 If the schedule continues the way we anticipate it to, I would say October, but don't hold
30 us to it.
31

32 Councilmember Andrews,
33 Okay. Thank you.
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35 Council President Leventhal,
36 Okay. We're now on page 6 of the memo, there is a recommendation in the County
37 Executive's budget.
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39 Essie McGuire,
40 Mr. Leventhal, did the Council take action on Item Number 2, the pages requested?
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42 Council President Leventhal,
43 There were no questions or comments on that. So, without objection, we're moving
44 through the budget.
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1 Essie McGuire,
2 Please do.

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4 Council President Leventhal,
5 The HHS Committee is in agreement with the restoration of a senior management
6 position. This is a Public Services Administrator position that was cut, back when we
7 were whacking away at the library budget and substantially disproportionate
8 percentages of cuts were taken by that Department in the last few years. This would be
9 a significant improvement in terms of balancing workload responsibilities, and I would
10 note that this position is also supported by MCGEO, which in the past has raised some
11 concerns about management positions, in this case, they agree that this will assist in
12 balancing workload. Regarding preventive facility maintenance, we as I said earlier, we
13 agreed with and suggested adding to, but at a minimum, we agree with the \$200,000 for
14 facility maintenance, but we transfer these funds to the Department of Public Works and
15 Transportation. In a moment, I will speak to the funds that we added to the
16 Reconciliation List to go beyond this amount. Other recommended increases at the
17 bottom of page 7, \$139,860 for a printing and copying contract. This is just a
18 bookkeeping correction. Circulation hardware lease of \$84,870. We need to replace the
19 hardware that runs the circulation software, and so we're going to do that, and other
20 miscellaneous items at the top of age 8. On page 9, of course, what would be, we
21 wouldn't want to talk about the libraries without talking about parking. With respect to
22 Rockville, there is no need to make a decision right now because of the timing of the
23 opening of the Rockville Garage. So, there is not any necessity in this budget right now
24 to appropriate funds to offset the City of Rockville's debt service on its parking garage.
25 With respect to Bethesda, the Committee is recommending we try and approach where
26 we simply make the meters defunct and have signage stating that parking is only
27 available for library users. This is a zero cost option, but the Department has some
28 concerns about it and we will return to assess the effectiveness of this approach in 60
29 days. We also are looking at drafting a Bill, I don't know what the status of getting the
30 Bill drafted is, but we've requested that it be drafted to create a penalty for violating the
31 library parking policy. Right now we don't have the authority to tow someone in a library
32 lot and we would need to create that authority. So, those would be the Committee's
33 recommendations on parking for the time being. We will need to come back at some
34 point to discuss what we're going to do regarding the Rockville Garage, but we don't
35 need to appropriate the funds right now. Ms. Praisner.

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37 Councilmember Praisner,
38 I was unclear. The inability of the County to ticket anyone or have the ability to tow. Is
39 that for any publicly owned facility or just the library?

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41 Essie McGuire,
42 My understanding is any public...

43
44 Councilmember Praisner,



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1 So, is the legislation being drafted that we give the authority to tow on any County-
2 owned land.

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4 Essie McGuire,
5 I'm not sure legislation is at that level of specificity at the moment, however; yes, I think
6 the Committee did request that the legislative staff, the attorney staff look into that,
7 globally, as far as what kind of enforcement mechanism...

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9 Councilmember Praisner,
10 So, it has to be looked at...

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12 Essie McGuire,
13 It's being looked at.

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15 Councilmember Praisner,
16 So, the judgment of putting in that legislation is an issue that the County attorney is
17 looking at...

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19 Essie McGuire,
20 Not the County Attorney, I'm sorry, the Council.

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22 Councilmember Praisner,
23 The Council Attorney. Okay, all right, thank you.

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25 Essie McGuire,
26 It is for any County property, it is not specific to libraries.

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28 Councilmember Praisner,
29 Okay.

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31 Council President Leventhal,
32 And we're working through that.

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34 Essie McGuire,
35 Yes, it's in the process.

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37 Councilmember Praisner,
38 I would want to piggyback on that to make sure that it also covers situations where folks
39 are parked illegally in handicap or fire lane issues on County property.

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41 Essie McGuire,
42 Just to clarify. my understanding is that the County is allowed to tow at the moment, has
43 the authority for any public safety issues.

44
45 Councilmember Praisner,



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1 Oh, okay.

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3 Essie McGuire,
4 That would include flow of traffic, like during rush hour, ant that would include...

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6 Councilmember Praisner,
7 That would include the handicap parking spaces and the yellow curbing?

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9 Essie McGuire,
10 Right.

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12 Councilmember Praisner,
13 Thanks.

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15 Essie McGuire,
16 So there is a pubic safety clause, and there is also a repeat offender clause. The issue
17 was there was nothing for this level of violation, which doesn't...

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19 Councilmember Praisner,
20 Right. So, if somebody's illegally parked if the recreation center overnight and we want
21 to give them notice that we're going to tow, if they don't move it...

22
23 Essie McGuire,
24 Right. That was the assessment, but there is a public safety authorization.

25
26 Council President Leventhal,
27 All right. Middle of page 10, Councilwoman Floreen requested that the HHS Committee
28 consider a total of \$2 million in additional funds for the library budget. The Committee
29 recommended placing \$925,000 of that on the Reconciliation List, among the items that
30 we voted to place on the Reconciliation List were a total of 500,000 for materials in 2
31 increments of \$250,000 each. \$400,000 for facility maintenance. We have a useful and
32 helpful memo that Essie McGuire circulated with photographs of dirty and torn carpets,
33 and peeling paint and rotten window frames, and we can do a powerpoint presentation
34 on that, but think we won't. But trust us, it's a bad situation. And as mentioned before,
35 the funds would be budgeted in DPWT with specific instruction, if indeed, we are able to
36 fund it in the final budget, to spend it in libraries. The Committee recommended 2-1 to
37 purchase three more self-checkout machines for a total of \$25,000. I was opposed to
38 that, I didn't think it was a worthwhile expenditure. The Committee didn't recommend
39 additional funds related to staffing. And I see a couple of lights on there, so I'll just
40 pause with that. Ms. Floreen?

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42 Councilmember Floreen,
43 Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I'd like to express my appreciation to the
44 Committee for adding to the Reconciliation List, materials, items and facility
45 maintenance, we've talked a lot about the importance of libraries in the community as

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1 the gateway to education and to learning and frankly as a community center. And I think
2 in this year where the money, well of course we have competing priorities at every
3 moment, this should be front and center in terms of our priority here and the budget
4 effort. So, I express my appreciation to the Committee. I appreciate the challenges that
5 you're wrestling with in terms of prioritization of issues, but I would like to see Mr.
6 Silverman's initiative within the Committee. I would like to add to the Reconciliation List
7 of the further discussion of the proposal of adding \$445,000 to the list for staffing, as
8 proposed. That would add \$150 for additional front line staff, \$100,000 for children's
9 coordinator, \$120,000 for technology manager and \$75,000 for additional shelving
10 assistants. These are part of our basic infrastructure within the library system and I think
11 it should be front and center on our Reconciliation List conversations.

12
13 Councilmember Silverman,
14 Seconded.

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16 Council President Leventhal,
17 Okay, Ms. Floreen has moved and Mr. Silverman has seconded \$445,000, let me just
18 understand those would be...

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20 Councilmember Silverman,
21 The increments in this order...

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23 Council President Leventhal,
24 These would be increments in the order to the top of page 11. Let me state this. I've
25 been generally and will return to this several times, reluctant to add staff positions to the
26 Reconciliation List. So, where I was, you know, choosing between one-time
27 expenditures that clearly are needed and helpful but do not provide additional mouths to
28 feed forever and ever, I was sympathetic to that. I'm delighted that our economy is
29 strong and revenues are up and we have some money to spend and are able to invest
30 in vital services, including libraries, but as the "Washington Post" warned us last week,
31 the good times may not always be with us. If we spend a temporary revenue bump on
32 permanent staff, those aren't going to be positions we're going to easily eliminate
33 without some pain downstream. So, just as a general principal, I've been weary of
34 adding additional staff. Let me also say, when I spoke with the County Executive about
35 the library budget, after we received Ms. Floreen's memo several weeks ago, he was
36 surprised by it. His comment was, you know, we gave the library everything it asked for.
37 Now, Ms. Hamilton came onboard when, what was your start date Parker?

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39 Parker Hamilton,
40 November.

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42 Council President Leventhal,
43 Ms. Hamilton started in November and she replaced an excellent library director who
44 was, had a somewhat different approach with respect to resources and infrastructure
45 and staff and we all greeted Parker's coming onboard with pleasure and we enjoyed

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1 working with her. And I know the cuts of the last few years, which were sustained under
2 Ms. Henderson, had caused a great deal of concern among library supporters, the
3 Friends of the Library, the employees, and we hope that in this year and in future years,
4 we'll have a more resource-rich library department, than we had under the prior Director
5 who was very interested, to her credit, in efficiencies and in cost-cutting, those were
6 high priorities for her. I understand a budget was submitted that Ms. Hamilton may not
7 have had thorough input and thorough ability to sign off on. Having said that, if a
8 Children's Coordinator or Shelving Assistants or Technology Manager had been in the
9 County Executive's budget, I'd be happy to support them. Given that they're not, I don't
10 think it's practical to add all the stuff to the Reconciliation List. I don't think we will be
11 able to afford it at the end of the day. I don't see the purpose in adding it at this time. So
12 much as I am, as strong a library supporter as anyone on this Council, I will not support
13 Ms. Floreen's motion. Ms. Praisner?

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15 Councilmember Praisner,

16 Well, I had put my light on before the motion was made to talk about the infrastructure
17 and the maintenance issues. Because many of the things that we're talking about here,
18 if I may talk about that as well as Ms. Floreen's motion, are related to the operating
19 budget maintenance, not capital budget maintenance. They are things like painting and
20 carpet replacements, et cetera, as opposed to the roof and the HVAC, and although the
21 windows may be folded into that, depending how it's done. My experience with the
22 infrastructure task force and the discussions is a piece of this is a challenge of keeping
23 track of what operating budget needs may be in infrastructure and categorizing them
24 appropriately. The other piece is that quite honestly, folks, infrastructure management
25 takes a second seat to new initiatives that are much more popular to do. And
26 unfortunately, in the last few years, quite a few years, we have not made the
27 commitments to maintenance that we need in infrastructure maintenance, whether it's
28 capital budget or operating budget. The operating budget, it's also a problem as far as
29 the data collection and keeping track. Clearly the area of departments that have high
30 public use like libraries and recreation centers and government service centers are
31 going to see more wear and tear and, therefore, need more attention and a better cycle
32 of review. I'm hopeful that the Department of Public Works and Transportation in their
33 facility services concept function will be able to get the database that they need so they
34 can keep track of these as well as put additional money and I hope the Council will put
35 additional money, and that leads me to the point that I'm going to make, which is that
36 from a standpoint of priorities, I'd very much agree, and fiscal problems, I very much
37 agree with the comments Mr. Leventhal has made. The issues we're going to face, as
38 we already know, about '08 and what's facing us, we already know about the unfunded
39 situations that we have for existing employees in the case of healthcare costs and
40 benefit costs. So, the challenge for us is that I think we have to look for an operating
41 budget, not just at the fiscal year we're dealing with, but at the future, as well. And I am
42 very much a supporter of the library and getting it back on track for a stand point of
43 personnel and equipment. But with other policy decisions that are outstanding, which
44 this Council has already made about parking at libraries and potential costs associated
45 with that, not to, it's going to potentially have other requirements for the fiscal



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1 perspective. So, I'm not going to support the motion. I am fearful that our Reconciliation
2 List will be as large as the budget. And unrealistic expectations are just rampant right
3 now.

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5 Council President Leventhal,
6 Mr. Silverman?

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8 Councilmember Silverman,

9 Thank you. Two comments. The first is this, the library system was decimated a few
10 years ago. So putting staff back in doesn't even get back to square one, as far as I'm
11 concerned. Second of all, this is the eighth budget I've been through. Nothing is
12 different. We have a Reconciliation List sometimes it's bigger, sometimes it's smaller.
13 But until somebody changes the process, this is the only way anything ever gets
14 discussed at the endgame of our budget process, when we actually know how much
15 revenue we have. I appreciate the fact that everybody seems to have a crystal ball
16 about the future, which may be right or may be wrong, but nobody has a crystal ball
17 about what the resources that will be available on May 17th, at the close of our budget
18 process, when we actually have to sit down. What difference does it make if we have a
19 \$50 million Reconciliation List or a \$25 million Reconciliation List. We all have different
20 priorities? We will all try to get a majority of votes support those priorities. But the way
21 this process works, if we don't put these items on the Reconciliation List, they have
22 absolutely no chance of getting funded. That's the system. You know, I've been more
23 than happy to support and will continue to support the right of individual
24 Councilmembers to have stuff put on the Reconciliation List, that's their priority. But I'm
25 not going to prejudge on May 10th how much money will be available for this Council to
26 deal with on May 17th, and that's why I have supported some things, not supported
27 some others. But really since we have so many budgets to go through it would seem
28 like we ought to tone down the rhetoric will what our fiscal situation is even in FY07 until
29 we actually have an opportunity on the 17th to see where we are.

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31 Council President Leventhal,
32 Ms. Floreen.

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34 Councilmember Floreen,

35 This is really just a conversation about priorities and I think the issue of that we will need
36 to consider and will continue to consider is what are our fundamental priorities within
37 this County? I think they're basic. I think we need to fund basic governmental services
38 before we add on extras, and I think getting our libraries back to where they were in a
39 year of relative plenty is a pretty clear slam-dunk.

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41 Council President Leventhal,

42 Do you have a definition of extras, Ms. Floreen? Could I get that from you later? I'd like
43 to know what are the basics and what are the extras? Maybe you can spell that out at
44 your convenience. All right, the vote is now on motion made by Ms. Floreen. Those in
45 favor will signify by raising their hands. It is Mr. Knapp, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Silverman, Ms.



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1 Floreen, and Mr. Denis. Those opposed will signify by raising their hands. It is Mr.
2 Perez, Ms. Praisner, and myself. The motion... [NO AUDIO] Regarding LAPSE, the
3 Committee...what did we do on LAPSE, Ms. McGuire?

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5 Essie McGuire,
6 You did approve the LAPSE, the following issues here are really just back up to the
7 staffing issue you just discussed. This is just a summary of the Committee's discussion
8 on the staffing.

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10 Council President Leventhal,
11 So we just agreed with the LAPSE rate in the County Executive's budget?

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13 Essie McGuire,
14 You did. Yeah, and you don't need to go through the rest of these Mr. Leventhal.

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16 Council President Leventhal,
17 And the Department of Public Libraries is going to, let me just see here, we have.

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19 Essie McGuire,
20 You have updates on page 13 of the memo?

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22 Council President Leventhal,
23 Yeah, we're going to see a strategic plan this summer, look forward to that. Those who
24 have questions about mobile services or special needs library, those are addressed in
25 the memo, as well. If Councilmembers have any questions, generally they are in order,
26 but we're very nearly done with the library budget. There are no lights. Without
27 objection, the Department of Public Library's budget is approved. Thank you. So, we
28 now turn to the Department of Technology Services and I'm going to turn the gavel over
29 to the Vice President of the Council and Chair of the MFP Committee, I will be back in a
30 few minutes.

31
32 Councilmember Praisner,
33 Thank you. Ask Alisoun Moore and staff to join us at the table. We will now be
34 discussing the technology budgets and in the category of infrastructure, that has
35 challenges associated with it, this is comparable many ways, to the painting and the
36 other issues we just discussed in the Department of Libraries. There also are three
37 technology projects which we have supported that are in various stages of evolution that
38 have increasing support necessary for them. The first is the Public Safety
39 Communication System. A very complex system that we're learning more about each
40 day as we work with the Public Safety Departments and the communication system in
41 general. The second is the Integrated Justice Information System, which will allow
42 multiple departments, State's Attorney, Corrections, the Courts, et cetera, to have the
43 capacity to access information in an integrated fashion. The recommendations there
44 relate to the additional rollout of this system. And the third is support for the new
45 enterprise resource planning, which, of course, is not a new system, but a replacement

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1 of existing systems, which, as we discussed in the past, are being held together with the
2 good graces of staff, some of whom have retired, who are back helping and chewing on
3 the band-aids is basically my nontechnical analogy of the conditions of current systems.
4 These are major systems, personnel, finance, finance being the first piece of this, that
5 we're talking about, but payroll payments, all of these issues areas in which we need to
6 move, one could say, into the 20th and 21st century. On that issue, the enterprise
7 resource planning, we've had conversations with the school system and had a
8 conversation with the joint commission meeting with the Education Committee to
9 discuss the status of the school system's project which is further along, such that we
10 can both learn from the School System experience. And also make sure that in the
11 awarding of contracts and development of systems, the school system and the County
12 system are compatible, such that the information in either system can allow for the
13 transfer of the information that might be needed. We also, I think, when we talk to the
14 Enterprise Resource Planning System, are wanting to learn from our experiences with
15 the Public Safety Communications System and also our experience as we go through
16 with the GIS system. So, these are complicated, expensive systems, involving DTS,
17 obviously, as the technical support but requiring significant interaction with the
18 consumers, so to speak, in this case, being the program departments where major use
19 of those systems evolve. There are several recommendations that Aron has laid out for
20 you. We reviewed all of the recommendations for new positions in order to support
21 these, and most of the funding increases are related to supporting these technology
22 projects. All of the recommendations with the exception of three reductions that we're
23 recommending and in the conversation with the Department, I believe they are
24 reasonably comfortable with what we're proposing and Mr. Dennis was not able to
25 attend the meeting so the recommendations are unanimous for the Committee
26 members who are present, Mr. Andrews and myself. And I also want to comment that
27 the lack of a Technology Analyst for the Council staff has, at this point, has required that
28 we call upon Aron Trombka, who had moved over to the Office of Legislative Oversight,
29 to step in. And in the stepping in and review of this budget, Mr. Trombka has again
30 generated warm affection and appreciation from both the Committee and the
31 Department, who all indicated that the we love Aron fan club is alive and well.

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33 Councilmember Knapp,
34 Warm, fuzzy guy.

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36 Councilmember Praisner,
37 Warm, fuzzy guy.

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39 [LAUGHTER]

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41 Councilmember Praisner,
42 So, whomever fills that position are going to have big, big shoes to fill. Okay, let's go,
43 Size what? Literally and figuratively, I guess! Let's go through the positions, the IJIS
44 system is the first one, that's the exchange of criminal justice information in addition to
45 the departments I mentioned, State's Attorney, Circuit Court and Corrections, Obviously

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1 it involves County Police, State Police, also involves, and there is more of a push in this
2 area in recent years, but it involves since September 11th, obviously, but it involves
3 encouraging and providing mechanisms for us to access Department of Justice, FBI,
4 and other federal agencies databases. And having been involved in this issue at the
5 national level with the Department of Homeland Security, there are many challenges,
6 associated, not only from the technology perspectives, as I think Mr. Knapp also would
7 attest, but from the just access to the information perspective. Okay, the positions that
8 are in the budget are a Information Technology Specialist, IJIS CRIMS Administrator,
9 someone who would be responsible, work part of the DTS compliment, but at this point
10 would be detailed primarily to the corrections and rehab information management
11 system piece of the function. The second is the Senior Technology Specialist-IJIS would
12 be focused on the Circuit Court Case Management System. I'm not going to go through
13 all the detail of information. The Management In Fiscal Policy Committee on the new
14 IJIS positions recommended reducing the budget submission to eliminate funding for
15 the two positions at this time. Given the status of the updates and the review and the
16 public safety and MFP discussions on these two pieces of the IJIS. We recommend
17 elimination at this point of the funding for those two positions, almost \$160,000 for future
18 consideration. There are funds also for contractor support, for the data migration, for the
19 system and some training for staff. Mostly State's Attorney and Jail Management and
20 we recommend approval of those fundings. The next item is the Public Safety
21 Communication System staffing. There are new positions proposed for support,
22 operations, and maintenance of this system, as well. The first is an Information
23 Specialist 3 position and the background of that position is in the packet on pages 5 and
24 6. The Information Technology Specialist position on quality assurance, dealing with
25 test plans and testing scripts and testing technology and doing problem tracking as well,
26 and there are operating expenses, some of those dealing with consultants, and some of
27 those dealing with the maintenance agreements and miscellaneous expenses. The
28 Management and Fiscal Policy Committee, again, Mr. Andrews and myself, recommend
29 approval of all of those personnel costs and operating expenses. We have asked DTS,
30 also, to prepare an information sheet on the cost of all the Public Safety
31 Communications program so that we can identify it from a program perspective, even
32 the elements that may be in other departments. The next new system is, as we
33 discussed, is the Enterprise Resource Planning System, the Executive's budget
34 recommends funding to begin the development, as you recall, we already as a Council
35 in our FY06 supplemental one-time review did also add some additional money to jump-
36 start this work. The initial parts of the work will focus on the financial systems and,
37 therefore, the financial pieces where obviously data integrity and integration are critical.
38 The position within this budget, it's a total of \$2 million for the development of the
39 system. There are new positions, one, of course, is Technical Manager position. The
40 second position on page 10 is an ERP Functional Manager, and you can see the
41 differences in those duties. The Committee recommended approval of two. There are
42 also some positions in the Department of Finance that relate to the finance product
43 management that would actually, they're not in their Department of Finance Support
44 positions within DTS. That's because, as I said, the Department of Finance systems are
45 the first ones that we're looking at. And the Finance Project Manager positions, the

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1 position and the MFP Committee recommends approval. Mr. Knapp, on that position, or
2 overall?

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4 Councilmember Knapp,
5 It will probably be at the end.

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7 Councilmember Praisner,
8 Okay. There are some term positions, the Department of Finance is detailing staff
9 members to dedicate a project team to focus full-time on the ERP project. And that's
10 both technical and functional representatives, so we have both subject matter personnel
11 and the project management personnel associated with this. So, term positions will be
12 hired by finance to perform these departmental management duties and help with the,
13 when the Senior Managers and finance are engaged in the issues. And the positions
14 are identified on page 14 and 15. The MFP Committee recommends approval of the
15 finance functional project manager position, the account payable manager and the
16 general ledger term positions. There are also, as with the other two systems, operating
17 expenses associated with this program for professional services, office start-up
18 operating expenses. They are identified on page 16. The MFP Committee recommends
19 approval of those, as well. And we indicated, just as we have discussed public safety,
20 communications and with the Public Safety Committee and the IJIS with the Public
21 Safety Committee. In this case, all of the departments that would be involved with the
22 ERP system are within the supervision and review of the MFP Committee, so there will
23 be no need for joint committee meetings, but we do intend to have the same kind of
24 periodic oversight sessions to monitor the program, the cost, the timetable, and
25 implementation. Let me say that having read, or getting the myriad of magazines that I
26 get and I'm sure members of DTS staff do and members on the Council Committee,
27 there are horror stories out there. We talked about San Antonio, the wonderful City of
28 San Antonio, that is already spent \$90 million and doesn't have an ERP system up and
29 running. And so those are the worries that we want to monitor with both the school
30 system efforts and the counties, and to the extent there are efficiencies, we want to take
31 advantage of them, but these are core business systems and we have to get them right.
32 You want to chime in now, Mr. Knapp, or do you want to wait until the end? Okay. Okay.
33 The other proposed positions relate to ongoing functions and some of those are also
34 related from a public safety perspective. There are two new positions, one of which has
35 been, well actually, neither of the positions require new funding. One is recommended
36 would be offset by abolishment of another position, and the other position is a transfer
37 from another department that we discussed. The first one, on page 17, is a Senior
38 Engineer for radio communications. When we are obviously have a need for technical
39 support to manage the digital radio system and implementation, we also need to work
40 on obtaining and maintaining the appropriate licenses with the Federal Communications
41 Commission. We're in region 20, and the issues in region 20 of frequency allocation,
42 sharing and interoperability are challenging, to say the least. And there is, within the
43 packet, the issues associated with the fact that we've had retirements in the area, as
44 well. Offsetting the Senior Information Technology position, there is also, that would
45 have some system engineering for the ERP infrastructure. The Committee

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recommended approval of both of these positions. The Senior Engineer in radio communications and the abolishment of the Equipment Technician position and the conversion of a full-time I.T. Specialist 3 position to part-time. The Committee also recommends approval of the transfer of a Senior Technology Specialist from the Department of Liquor Control to DTS. There are other operating expenses, obviously. Mainframe, central processing unit increasing costs, again, expenditures associated with IJIS and Public Safety Communication Systems and the ERP projects are also associated with that. The more maintenance of these critical business applications, the more we have issues with core central processing capacity. We recommend approval. We already have embarked on an electronic time sheet records management system that would allow folks to manage their time sheets electronically rather than the old paper process. Again, this is not 21st century on issue, but other folks have been doing this for some time. There are also software licensing and maintenance issues and the Committee recommends approval. We are in the process as are many places across this country of dealing with a rebanding in the 800 megahertz. This is associated not with the new spectrum that is part of the public safety, digital television issues, that freeze up spectrums. This is the piece that is the issue associated with cell phone interference between Nextel and other, Nextel frequencies and Public Safety Agencies. In order to respond to the interference issue, the Federal Communications Commission has issued a process that would eliminate the interference between Nextel and the public safety, by shifting Public Safety Agencies to a different place on the band, on the spectrum band. There are significant issues associated with it, this region is part of the first wave. The wave is not moving as fast as we thought, it's not hitting the shore at the same level. There are costs to the County associated with the rebanding process. And it's as complicated as it can be. The negotiations with Nextel, the supervision by the Administrator hired by the FCC to manage this issue. The complexities of identifying your needs and the equipment needs and all of those issues is complex, to put it mildly, we have created an 800 megahertz rebanding fund. We want to make sure, and this is also another issue we will be monitoring, we want to make sure that we can verify all the costs such that eventually we will be reimbursed for the costs because the expectation was, as the Federal Communications Commission requirements indicated that the costs of the rebanding would be born by Nextel through this process, but it's a complex issue and involves negotiation, and it involves making sure we have our documents in order, ducks in a row and everything else. So, the Committee recommends approval, but wants to make sure, as we track this, that we don't jeopardize any reimbursement, all reimbursement for these costs. Second piece of this issue is the implications of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. I said that because Mr. Denis is issue on acronyms. It's commonly called HIPAA. It mandates privacy protection and security of patient data. There's a security rule as far as computers are concerned on technical security safeguards. If we don't meet those requirements we could expose the County the fines, based on incident and yearly, based on the type of fine. And civil lawsuits from disclosure of protected health information. There is a need for training requirements for County employees with access to HIPAA data. There is a training packet. There is also money for the HIPAA requirements. It is a fairly expensive item, as you can see, \$699,000 between the training and the other professional services to have

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1 a security gap analysis that needs to be done, and other measures focused on security.
2 The Committee recommends funding the security assessment and the employee
3 training as proposed by the Executive. There are a number of credit card transactions,
4 which, at least 14 County departments conduct. That means not that we use a credit
5 card, but that folks pay for whatever they are registering for, taxes, et cetera, by using
6 the credit card. The Payment Card Industry, PCI folks, another acronym, has data
7 security standards that they develop to make sure that the payment data from their
8 perspective and ours is protected. PCI compliance is required of all entities that store,
9 process, or transmit credit cardholders data. If we don't comply with that we may result
10 in fines, liability, and also the County may not be able to use the credit card from the
11 credit card company. There's 105,000 for professional services, and 120,000 for
12 hardware, mostly firewalls and authentication processes. The Department of Finance
13 also included in their budget, some eight credit card processing audits that need to be
14 done to identify any gaps. The Committee recommends approval of this. The price of
15 doing business in this world today with credit cards and certainly our constituents like
16 the ease of credit cards, but also share the concerns that when you give credit card
17 information, to make sure it's protected. In hardware and software maintenance, there
18 are funds to help with all kinds of software and hardware we have in a myriad of
19 departments and agencies. Patches that are needed. Maintenance of over 25 systems.
20 The costs are \$495,510. The most costly of those include exchange system
21 replacements, the geographic information system, the public safety communications
22 system, the tax assessment system. The Committee recommended approval of all with
23 the exception of \$30,000, which was associated with the maintenance of a project that
24 the Committee had not supported, and the Council never supported funding and in our
25 view maintaining that system would be inconsistent with the County's perspective on
26 that. The final issue we had was a request from Mr. Knapp that the Council consider a
27 grant request for the Gaithersburg/Germantown Chamber of Commerce for \$10,000 for
28 a consolidated Germantown website, while the PHED Committee asked the MFP
29 Committee to look at this issue. While the Committee was sympathetic of the issue of
30 websites, the Committee was concerned that once we say yes to funding support for
31 one County, one non-county government website, we run the risk of opening the
32 floodgates for everyone else and we have enough of a challenge with our own website
33 maintenance issues so the Committee did not recommend putting this on the
34 Reconciliation List. And that completes the Committee's recommendation. Mr. Knapp.

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36 Councilmember Knapp,

37 Thank you, actually I had forgotten this was in here. I appreciate the Committee's
38 consideration and I don't necessarily disagree with the assessment. You never know
39 unless you ask, and I didn't know if we'd actually done this for any other communities.

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41 Councilmember Praisner,

42 No, we never have.

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44 Councilmember Knapp,

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1 The question I had is, and I thank the Chair for her analysis of the budget and I thank
2 the Department for all that you do. In the course of, not necessarily budget questions
3 per se, but they roll into it. During a course of a lot of discussion in the last few weeks,
4 the questions have come up as it relates to where do technology people sit? I know this
5 is a bigger question, so maybe we don't necessarily get it all fixed today. But I think it's
6 come up five different times in the last few weeks, different Departments, different
7 agencies. I just wanted to at least some somewhat of a discourse on this a little bit to
8 get a sense from the Department as to how you see it because it's been a source of
9 consternation and frustration because I've talked to some folks, and I guess the thing
10 that's clear is the one thing that cuts through every Department or agency is the use of
11 technology. So, everyone is obviously concerned about how to best utilize the
12 resources that they have. So, there have been some situations here where people have
13 resided within departments and have somehow become kind of detached and remote
14 from DTS. There have been situations where people have been detailed from DTS,
15 where they have, where the departments of some felt disconnected, because this was a
16 project that this person owned, and so it wasn't the only thing they're doing. So, they
17 felt, the individuals doing the technology felt remote from the rest of the activities and
18 the DTS. So, it wasn't necessarily, the department didn't feel they were getting 100%
19 attention because there were other things the person had to pay attention to. I don't
20 know necessarily care what the answer is, but I'm curious, from your perspective, what
21 do you see as best practice for us to be looking for as we look to continue to enhance
22 technology positions and programs throughout the County.

23
24 Councilmember Praisner,

25 I think that's a great question! I'd like to try take a stab at it and I'd like to try to...

26
27 Alisoun Moore,

28 It's very complicated question and I will give you some of my views, and where we have,
29 if we not formally headed, have de facto headed. First of all, let me elaborate on your
30 question because even within some departments have a I.T. group, they will have a
31 decentralized set of I.T. people, as well, or I.T. systems, non-I.T. people are managing.
32 So, it gets very muddy...

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34 Councilmember Knapp,

35 Sounds like three steps removed.

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37 Alisoun Moore,

38 Yes. As to who is doing what and what the impact is operationally and from an
39 efficiency standpoint that has, upon, both the Department and the County as a whole.
40 So, the waters are very muddy in the area. Generally speaking, when I came onboard
41 here, our approach was to take an enterprise view of the County. Enterprise means,
42 refers to the entire organization. And the reason that you do that...

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44 Councilmember Knapp,

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1 When you say our approach, our approach meaning the department's? Our approach
2 meaning that was the direction from the Executive so it was a Countywide decision?

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4 Alisoun Moore,

5 It was my recommendation to the Executive and endorsed by the Executive and further
6 endorsed by Councilmember Praisner and endorsed by all of you through legislation
7 that was passed strengthening the role of the Department, and strengthening the role of
8 my position specifically. So, what we have been doing, and I'd like to say hopefully
9 successfully is moving aggressively along the enterprise approach. The networks have
10 been consolidated or managed centrally. The data center, which used to be pretty
11 much, in the last, pretty much a mainframe plus storage, right? The little tape things, I
12 forget what they call them, it started with a "D." I'm getting old. That's now morphed into
13 actually a fairly modern data center, which has the mainframe, still, but also has a
14 server farm, a sophisticated storage area network. [DASDAY], that's what it is! All the
15 networking hub equipment and is managed centrally and very, very efficiently. It's
16 backed up at the same time and departments have ceded to us their servers that they
17 manage and maintain. Not all of them, but a lot of them. And Barbara and Dieter Klinger
18 do an excellent job with all of that. So, we have moved pretty aggressively towards
19 centralization of management functions for technology. What has that done for you as a
20 whole? Well, you've seen it on the network. We now have a very modern messaging
21 system. We do all of our software delivery through automation so that saved us a lot of
22 money on making very high cost manual visits to all of the PCs and the servers that are
23 out there. We think we can learn to manage our servers extremely efficiently, as a
24 matter of fact, we use virtual servers now. So, we have one hardware box and we can
25 split that up into two or more virtual servers. That's has saved you literally hundreds of
26 thousands of dollars. We don't mention it because it gets really into the technical weeds
27 if you will. But it has saved you hundreds, maybe even millions of dollars just from doing
28 that. There are clear advantages to organizations who decide to centralize those
29 enterprise functions, okay? Project management for applications, we take a very
30 collaborative approach with the departments, because you are assisting those
31 departments in the automation of their business processes. And technology
32 departments alone don't do a very good job with that. It must be done collaboratively.
33 You see that here in the positions we're asking for. There are technology positions, but
34 there are also departmental positions that are requested here. That approach marries, if
35 you will, the business to the automation. Taking business processes, financial
36 processes or human resources processes and converting that into the ones and zeros
37 in our world here is an extremely difficult process and, therefore, a very high risk
38 process. High-risk proposition. So, having that very structured approach, working hand
39 in hand with the departments is absolutely critical. That means that the approach we've
40 taken with respect to positions is several fold. First of all, if it's an enterprise-like
41 function, PC management, network administration, high-end technical skills, like
42 database managers, our approach has been to move that position to DTS. Why?
43 Because you have to hire the right skill sets in that position. And then you have to have
44 that person once they come in abide by and adhere to professional best practices as
45 they perform their jobs. You don't want a Database Administrator who took, you know,

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1 one course at a Community College an access to be a Database Administrator, you
2 want someone with Oracle Database Administration skills, knows how to do backups
3 and recoveries, knows how to manage and maintain and tune that database for optimal
4 efficiency. And that requires knowledge of who you're hiring. And we think we can do
5 that as a technical organization. More efficiently than perhaps a nontechnical
6 organization. So, we have moved in that direction and that has, in fact, been supported
7 bottom the Executive, as well. Systems administration activities where you have folks
8 that have to essentially keep all the passwords and the information about who is using
9 the system and there for the immediate support to the end users, they have to have a
10 knowledge of the business process and how it functions. In addition to not a deep
11 technical knowledge, but a somewhat technical knowledge of the basic administration
12 functions, generally in that case because department folks tend to manage and own
13 their data very well, we share that with them. We will provide them technical assistance,
14 but we do in several cases recommend that a position be out in the department to do
15 that. We also recommend within the departments that they centralize their I.T. functions
16 if they have a decentralized shop in those departments. This is mostly for the larger
17 departments, Police, Health and Human Services, because as we struggle with this very
18 difficult issue, in the government wide basis, they struggle with it in the fairly large
19 departments. And for all the same reasons I've outlined here, we make those
20 recommendations, as well. So, what we've done is taken a fairly strong stance on the
21 enterprise approach. We do think, and I think can very well prove that it's a very efficient
22 approach, it saved the County hundreds, if not millions of dollars. We tend to work very
23 collaboratively with the departments on system and implementation projects and we
24 tend to also, for system administration, that management allow those positions back out
25 to the departments.

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27 Councilmember Knapp,

28 So, I guess to boil it down, really what you're saying is you guys should be the
29 technology, the technology people should reside with you, obviously knowing the
30 technology is important, but that the other piece is clearly knowing the content and that
31 the content expertise should reside with the Department and that the challenge is to
32 make sure we've married the two pieces up but that if we're looking at where you're
33 putting people, content at the Department, technology at DTS and then make sure that
34 that interaction takes place.

35
36 Alisoun Moore,
37 Yes.

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39 Councilmember Praisner,

40 I think from my perspective in our conversations before Alisoun was hired, and we
41 looked at the whole legislation of the function, and also in the discussions since then the
42 question is where are the best skills, where are the skills that are needed and can be
43 cross fertilized, so to speak. because there are certain things that departments may
44 need at a point in time that can be supported by a centralized system better than
45 creating a position to do it. And then the question of how your program systems evolve



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1 may mean fewer people over time, or more people depending on what the function is,
2 but it's a different skill set, and a different responsibility.

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4 Councilmember Knapp,

5 Okay, two quick follow-ups, because I know that people are probably really excited that
6 I'm asking these questions today, but nevertheless...

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8 Councilmember Praisner,
9 I am.

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11 Councilmember Knapp,

12 Oh good, there's two of us. This came up earlier in the week as related to WSSC, and
13 I've heard it in capacities beyond just that discussion, how do you in a relatively static
14 environment keep people current on new technologies in a very dynamic industry? And
15 WSSC went down a road, and I'm not necessarily going to ask you to evaluate whether
16 or not the right road, I'm just asking from a general perspective, how do we as a
17 department, as a County put in place the ability to kind of make sure that people are
18 staying current? What do we do? What types of incentives do we provide?

19
20 Alisoun Moore,

21 Well there's really three things we do, to be honest, and let me step back a little bit
22 about WSSC. There is certain history there that they are dealing with there that is
23 probably somewhat different than the history that we have had here. I did have the good
24 fortune when I came onboard that the County Executive had kept almost all of the
25 vacancies vacant, and so we had very good people within the County Government
26 already, but we also had the ability to go out and hire folks as well, and we took a very
27 top down approach, because in my experience that was the quickest way to assure that
28 you're culture and you're customer focus, and you're skill sets, if you do it right, will, it
29 will be successful. And what we try to do is on the hiring have some of our best
30 technical people. The folks that know the network, that know enough to sit on a panel
31 and say, [INAUDIBLE] do you know what a spanning tree is? And of course somebody
32 with that kind of knowledge can ask that question, but only somebody with that equal
33 knowledge can answer it, and we've been able to quickly discern those who can't and
34 those who can. And that allows you to get the right skills in. First thing is hire correctly,
35 hire wisely. With the folks who are well trained, who've had the experience coming in.
36 The second thing that we do is train. We send people out for training pretty consistently.
37 We have had a few light years when the budget got very, very tight, but it is one of our
38 high priorities. The third thing we do is the projects that you're evaluating today are state
39 of the art projects, and technology people like to work on state of the art projects. Our
40 job in management is make sure they have the right resources, the right training, and
41 the opportunity to learn from those experiences. That in the technology world tends to
42 keep the skill sets very current. The other thing that's very important is when off good
43 core of technology professionals, I mean a really good core, okay, they tend to attract
44 other good core technology professionals. And they tend to share their experiences and
45 their learning with one another. Which is why we like to have sometimes to take folks

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1 and reassign them out to a department, but always keep them connected back with that
2 core of technology folks. Because if they are isolated, it's really hard to share. With
3 whom do you share? It's hard for an individual themselves to stay current on all the stuff
4 that occurs and keeps happening. So when they have that sort of esprit de corps, and
5 that connectivity and management always pushing for best practices, which is what we
6 do, project management, technology excellence, whatever, always putting that in
7 professional best practices. We have been able I'd like to say at least in DTS to keep
8 those skill sets pretty current. In fact, actually I would like to say, more current than
9 perhaps some of the folks we contract with, which is sort of a new one for us. We are
10 trying to adjust some of how we do the contracting to ensure we are getting equal or
11 better technical professionals in to work with us as we do the contracting.

12
13 Councilmember Praisner,

14 The other thing we did several years ago is examine all of the I.T. positions from a
15 Human Resource perspective such that we looked at the grade structure and the job
16 descriptions to modernize them, so to speak, and to make them more competitive. We
17 had a full discussion in the MFP Committee keeping the I.T. positions competitive, much
18 as we just did with the medical positions related to HHS.

19
20 Alisoun Moore,

21 That's an excellent point, because we found out we had it was, they upped all the
22 technical professional positions were upgraded at that time into a banding type
23 mechanism. That happens just as I came onboard and was very beneficial. The other
24 thing we did is you have to recognize in our field when you need to do that. And we had
25 created a project planning team who have all become, I think all have now become PMI,
26 Project Management Institute certified. They are very, very good. We recognized that
27 was a unique skill set that requires heavy customer interaction in addition to the general
28 genre of technical skills. We worked with OHR to get a specific classification for those
29 folks so we could retained them, because they are extraordinarily valuable to your
30 County to keep that expertise, and their knowledge as we build these new systems
31 within the County.

32
33 Councilmember Praisner,

34 I hope that answers your question because we really need to move on.

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36 Councilmember Knapp,

37 All right, one more I want to get to, we don't need to do it today, but I want to talk about
38 how we do the customer service piece, departmental charge backs, and things like that.
39 But we don't need to do it today, I'll follow up.

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41 Councilmember Praisner,

42 Right. We'd be happy to have you join us in the MFP Committee...

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44 Councilmember Knapp,

45 Oh good, I was looking for another committee meeting.

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Councilmember Praisner,
Yeah, I'm sure. If there are no others, Mr. Andrews.

Councilmember Andrews,
Just wanted to compliment Ms. Praisner and Aron Trombka for the outstanding attention to detail they provided to this budget and the good work of the Department. I think it's a really strong team that's looking at these requests. We really benefit a great deal from it.

Alisoun Moore,
I would like to thank Aron and request that we have him back please. I also would like to make an announcement since hopefully you will vote soon. Dennis Rooney will be retiring this summer, so this is probably his last budget meeting.

[LAUGHTER]

Councilmember Praisner,
Gee, Dennis, we're going to miss you. All that rebanding, I don't know.

Alisoun Moore,
We have already selected his replacement. Not that it means anything, Dennis, okay? Max Stuckey will be replacing Dennis Rooney.

Councilmember Praisner,
I don't see any other lights on the Department's budget. We then move to the next item, which is the Interagency Technology Policy and Coordination Committee. Just very briefly this has \$30,000 in the FY07 budget which allows for contractual support. The ITPCC is the representative from all of the agencies which let us coordinate at a high level. I stress that's a key component of it is to have the Department or the CAO and Superintendent and President of the College Planning Board Chair, and WSSC and General Manager engaged in these issues. We reviewed their work plan and also have staff support. Gary is here, and in order to have the kind of coordinated policies on e-government issues, on security issues, on fiber net, on the next generation and how we fund technology, there are myriad of issues obviously, they are working on. We had an opportunity to interact with them. Mr. Romer is serving at chair at this point. It rotates among the agencies, and the Committee recommends approval. The next item is the desk top computer modernization. As you know in '98 we centralized the purchase and replacement of desk top computers throughout County government. This allows the County to permit the County government to purchase them and to, not only purchase but to inventory and maintain the existing computers. The funding for this program allows the computers to continue to be upgraded on a four- year cycle, but by efficiently consolidating these we also have been able to get a better price. Obviously we all know from our personal purchases the cost of computers have come down as well. There are three different types of computers, there is the main stream desktop, the one all of us have on our computers. There are the high end desktop which have more capacity,

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1 more need from a standpoint of some of the more sophisticated systems that are
2 necessary, and then there are the laptops. And the pieces of this include not only the
3 support and the installation, the maintenance, hardware, software, license renewals,
4 etc., in the continued monitoring of this I want to thank staff, [Deeter] especially, for the
5 work he does on this day in and day out. We recommend, we continue to review the
6 cycle as well as they continue to review the needs from a standpoint of which category
7 someone should have the right to have access to. And sometimes folks who are at a
8 high end move down to mainstream and vice versa. But we are continuing to look at the
9 maintenance as well as the functionality. I can tell you from my own office that my staff
10 keeps saying, what do you mean we still have one year left? They think an upgrade is
11 necessary, and I say no, no, we're keeping to the rules. So four year cycle. I just say
12 that because I think there's pressure for acceleration, not deceleration of that. Anyway,
13 the Committee recommends approval. The next is the Technology Investment Fund.
14 The TIF fund is a function of contributions to the fund that come from paybacks from the
15 departments that have already used the system. Most of that he is especially from the
16 Finance Department. The Committee is concerned though that we aggressively activate
17 the use of this fund and are encouraging a more liberal interpretation of applications in
18 this area in the future. The next item is the Cable Television and Communications Plan.
19 I've asked Jane Lawton to join us at the table as well. The cable plan and Jane Lawton
20 Administrator is with us. The cable plan, Sonia is here. Cable plan was reviewed by the
21 Committee, Mr. Denis, Mr. Andrews and myself. There are some recommendations for
22 using additional funds, cable funds , for some areas where we've talked about in the
23 cable plan being a little more aggressive. The point I would first make is that I guess not
24 this week, because the house of representatives is moving not as quickly as we thought
25 it would. But in all likelihood next week, Chairman Barton's legislation will be on the
26 table for the legislature to deal with for congress to deal with. That will put at risk
27 significant amount of this funding should some of the national franchising legislation and
28 the individualism that is associated with negotiating at the local level and identifying
29 local needs are eliminated by virtue of having a national franchise process and a
30 regulations that would have to be set up by the Federal Communications Commission.
31 To a great extent, it would mean that franchise fees will continue to come, but the way
32 they are calculated and the additional support that might be associated with it, we in
33 Montgomery County have identified in the packet that there's the potential to lose \$14
34 million over, I think that's what it says \$14 million over what would be eligible for the
35 County to receive under the current structure. So, the issues of maintaining support, the
36 issue of a consumer being able to call the office with complaints on the cable services
37 will be significantly affected. Let me highlight the recommendations of the Committee for
38 you. The Committee has recommended the proposals that are in the plan. Each of the
39 categories I won't go into them given the time for administration, for the municipalities,
40 for allocation to different departments in County government that support the cable, for
41 technical operations support, for the PEG channels, for the public information office, for
42 the school system, for community access, engineering, et cetera. There are, as you
43 know we last year implemented the purchase of a mobile production van which will
44 allow us to increase the capacity for use of our cable channels for public information
45 and for broadcasting on location public events and programs and activities out in the

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community whether it be in one of our art centers or in a building where a community may be holding an event of broad interest. The changes to the cable plan which would come out of the cable fund and therefore would be approved today, like the DPS solid waste process, are \$25,000 to increase the legal and financial consulting services. As I indicated, this is probably crunch time for local government, not only do we have legislation that's moving next week in the House of Representatives, we have legislation that has been introduced in the Senate as well. And although the State of Maryland has not seen state legislation, there are many other states that have. And the point is and we do have a filing at the Federal Communications Commission that we've done jointly with other Counties in the State of Maryland as I've worked with them on these issues. So on video issues. So there are any number of things that are going on that could potentially dramatically affect not only the County and its operations, but also the consumers within the County and the service that they receive from whatever provider they choose. So there's a recommendation for \$25,000 to add to that. There's a need to put \$35,000 in the PEG, Public Education and Government equipment fund to prevent the system of going dark in the event of a major equipment failure. There had not been adequate funds in there. There was not adequate staff play back hours in the community television for the Downcounty Community Project Manager. That's the initiative we started last year. The one program that we talked about within the County plan last January that is not implemented by the Executive and one that actually is a Council initiative, deals with the ability to broaden our community's understanding and access through PEG and through PEG programming. And this will allow closed captioning in Spanish for programming on the County cable so that Council in brief and some of the programs of government delivery will be available to those non-English speaking individuals who understand Spanish. This is our first attempt in this area. Obviously additional languages would obviously be something that somebody would be interested in. That's much more complicated, but given the population that we have, given the requirements in election law, et cetera, that identifies Spanish language needs, the Committee was anxious to implement that. So we would be doing Spanish, we do have Spanish language programming, but it is not in the government programming area. So we want to start taking government programming like a summary of what happened at the Council meeting and offering it in Spanish as well. The other area and I've had conversations with [Grace Rivero], and on this issue especially, is that she often hears, people come to her and say I know you just had that program in Spanish talking about the County, et cetera . I wish I knew, I don't speak Spanish. I wish I knew what you were saying and what was happening. One of the outreach efforts to build community and build community understanding among residents in the community would allow us to have English closed captioning on Spanish programming. That would allow folks who are not in languages like some of my colleagues here who are, understanding what is transpiring in a Spanish language program. Building network appreciation. The final area in which we talked is additional programming. We talked about Park and Planning about the need to increase coverage of Park and Planning meetings. This would provide a \$37,000 for 10 additional Park and Planning Commission meetings and 40,000 for additional topics such as a program on the master plan process. Specific programming that we might do. The final conversation that we

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1 had or the two conversations pieces that we had, relate to remote sites. Like our
2 conference center. The County did broadcast the Executive's state of the County. But it
3 was a little more complicated than it really needed to be given the conference center
4 and the myriad of programs that go on there. We can add the capacity for the
5 conference center. There are meetings that are held at the regional service centers, and
6 there are additional audio equipment needed at some of our art centers where we have
7 wired, where we have brought the equipment so far but not all the way through. So that
8 one could broadcast from Strathmore Art Center or from Black Rock or from the Omni
9 Theater or from BAPA or from any of these centers. Also have already started the
10 initiative for the Gilcrest Center where there is lots of classes and programming going
11 on that the broader community could benefit from. I'm thinking on Mr. Perez and I had a
12 meeting there about the Wheaton Zoning Text Amendment. Which the broader
13 Wheaton community could have benefited from hearing about. Not to mention the rest
14 of the community who might be interested in that issue. There are a myriad of ways in
15 which government needs to build on its capacity for outreach and for education and for
16 sharing and for community building that this will allow. The final issue as far as funding
17 came up as a function of conversation with Mr. Lipsky from the school system. It related
18 to a couple of complaints and comments associated with the fact that while the Board of
19 Education meeting was being broadcast, some of us, myself included were picking up a
20 second conversation simultaneously going on in the room probably on a Blackberry, Mr.
21 Silverman.

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23 Councilmember Silverman,
24 That's technology.

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26 Councilmember Praisner,
27 That given the dynamics... It's on the record.

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29 Councilmember Silverman,
30 [INAUDIBLE] technology.

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32 Councilmember Praisner,
33 The dynamics of that room are such that there is a technical problem that although they
34 may remind folks to shut off their Blackberries, it doesn't always happen. And, therefore,
35 the conversations in the room on a Blackberry can be picked up and broadcast alerting
36 everybody. Not here, but there. On the school system, in the school system donut hole
37 room. I'm not sure if it occurs in the major, the larger hearing room. But the Board, like
38 we, use our, this room more than we use the bigger room. And they put signs up, but
39 don't necessarily have everybody continue to obey. So you get background noise. You
40 can also get an interesting opportunity to hear what somebody else is saying. It also
41 does obviously interfere with what may be transpiring at the Board table. Also, as some
42 of you may know, I especially do, at the Board of Education table, microphones do not
43 have on/off buttons. So therefore every paper that is shuffled, every sidebar
44 conversation is picked up as well as whatever the speaker is. There are no cubby holes
45 for Board members to stick paper. The pouring of the Coke, the flipping of the tab, the

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1 pouring of it into a glass, all of that is picked up. We felt that if we could, we should try
2 and respond to help the school system. This just came up. I don't know if the Board of
3 Education discussed it. The point is, if the Board feels that they want to respond to this,
4 that is part of PEG in our view given the public education and government channels.
5 Preliminarily would cost about \$20,000 to do that. The final issue that came up in the
6 Committee Councilmember Denis raised is it the fund balance of the cable fund by
7 virtue of the requirement of the fund balance policy would be exceeded by some funds.
8 And the desire of Mr. Denis was to use that excess over the fund balance requirement
9 for other purposes. The other two members of the Committee, Mr. Andrews and myself,
10 were not necessarily supportive of that given the fact that we face the potential of \$14
11 million reduction in coming years of this fund. So it's a one time only kind of situation in
12 the broadest sense of the word. If the funds are going to be used elsewhere in the
13 operating budget, they should probably consistently given our consistent policy be used
14 to supplant current funds being used for technology purposes, thereby freeing up those
15 funds for other purposes, if that's the Council's desire. In the past when we've done that,
16 we've paid back the cable fund, and obviously that would be the recommendation of the
17 Committee as well. Given the dollar amounts of the other recommendations of the
18 Committee...

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20 Sonya Healy,
21 Some additional late requests that came in.

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23 Councilmember Praisner,
24 That's right. Delphine is pleading. She's on her knees pleading folks. The microphone
25 system that we have, you know about the button there in front of Jane that doesn't light
26 up anymore, it's not a light bulb. It's that this system is antiquated as well, and there are
27 a couple of other things that need to be replaced, so she was asking for the funds,
28 obviously cable funds, we've used them for that. It's not only at the school system
29 requests their funds, but also asking that the County, that the Council replace the
30 microphone and switches that need to be fixed. And that dollar amount?

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32 Sonya Healy,
33 Placeholder amount of \$40,000.

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35 Councilmember Praisner,
36 What is the surplus over reserve that we have now?

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38 Sonya Healy,
39 Doing puts and takes you have \$284,170 above the reserve amount that could be taken
40 for other you purposes.

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42 Councilmember Praisner,
43 So that information available if the Council chooses to do that, and that's the cable plan.
44 I see no lights.

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1 Councilmember Silverman,
2 The next item is Mr. Silverman's for the Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
3 Given the cable fund actions those are now folded into the budget just like we did with
4 Permitting Services. Thank you, Ms. Praisner. We are going to change the order here.
5 To try to get at least two people out of the room. So we will do HOC first. Then we will
6 do consumer protection. Welcome Scott. The Committee recommendation, I can't
7 remember why it's two to nothing. But the Committee recommendation is approval of
8 the FY07 grant allocation as submitted by the County Executive. It is the FY06 numbers
9 plus \$180,000 to off set the increased electricity costs for HOC properties, \$157,640 for
10 Home ownership association fees, and additional \$185,000 for negotiating
11 compensation changes. The fundamental sort of other shoe to drop that we're waiting
12 on is whatever happens at the federal level, any news?

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14 Scott Minton,
15 We do have our half numbers and our admin. fee numbers which were not available as
16 produced. We are at 60.4 million this year which is full funding. I think we received a
17 little bit extra in administrative fees as well, so as far as being able to fund our voucher
18 program for the recipients were full funding this year. We are in a lease process right
19 now, adding numbers to our vouchers. We also by the way picked up a million dollars in
20 mainstream disabled vouchers, which was about 10% of the money allocated this year.

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22 Councilmember Silverman,
23 Great.

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25 Councilmember Knapp,
26 So Scott, when you say full funding, full funding for, because there have been some
27 reductions. Is it full funding of things used to be or full funding...

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29 Scott Minton,
30 Where things are right now. This was, what did we have last year, \$58 billion?

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32 Unidentified Speaker,
33 Correct.

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35 Scott Minton,
36 2 million over last year is the best way of putting it. We had been up at this level two
37 years ago. We got reduced. Last year was still reduction. Now we are back to where we
38 were in 2004 I think.

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40 Councilmember Knapp,
41 Okay, so effectively we are holding our own with which client base, so are we back to
42 serving the same number of clients that you worked three years ago?

43
44 Scott Minton,



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1 We will be once we get leased up. We have the funding to get leased up to about where
2 we were. We anticipate by having by June of this year serving 5250 voucher clients,
3 and I think at the top we ever were 5380.

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5 Councilmember Knapp,
6 And the top would have been four years ago?

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8 Scott Minton,
9 Two years 2004, 2003.

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11 Councilmember Knapp,
12 Okay, to say we are fully funded means you are funded, but it's still a reduction over
13 where we were a few years ago. Which is not to say that's not good, relative to the
14 many threats that are out there, but there's a lot of folks we could be serving that we are
15 not serving.

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17 Scott Minton,
18 That's correct.

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20 Councilmember Knapp,
21 A lot of services we could be providing that we are not.

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23 Scott Minton,
24 That's correct.

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26 Councilmember Knapp,
27 Okay, thank you.

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29 Council President Leventhal,
30 Okay, I just want to - are we about done with this NDA Mr. Chairman? I just want to say
31 to Scott Minton and his staff and to relay to the commissioners, we need you now more
32 than ever. I really want to express my appreciation for the work the agency does, and I
33 particularly want to call to the Council's attention what a nice story is the story of the
34 community dialog over the purchase of 527 Dale Drive for formerly homeless
35 individuals. This is a story with unexpected twists and turns. It says a lot about what a
36 generous County we are, and for those who are on the receiving end as I am, and I
37 know my colleagues are of e-mails thanking us for our support of 527 Dale Drive, this is
38 a project which not surprising or not mistakenly, some neighbors had some concerns
39 about. Yet what has emerged is an outpouring of generosity and acceptance in that
40 neighborhood and throughout the community, Action In Montgomery has been right on
41 point. And I've been one whose wondered sometimes where is AIM when we need
42 them, and we needed them on this issue. They come and stepped into this dialog in a
43 constructive and helpful way. So I just, this is an example of the kind of thing that makes
44 me proud to live in Montgomery County. If we can do more of these projects, if we can
45 work with the community to accept them, find housing for people who need it so

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1 desperately, that's why I'm here and I know my colleagues share that sense of mission
2 and I just really, really appreciate the work of HOC. It's a vitally needed agency. In the
3 absence and complete abandonment of support of the federal government, we need
4 you more now than ever. And I just want to thank you, and please convey to the staff
5 and commissioners how much we appreciate them.

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7 Scott Minton,

8 Thank you very much. I just want to comment that we also were heartened with the
9 community response overall and with a number of people came out in our support. We
10 will continue to work with the community to make sure it's a successful project. Thank
11 you.

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13 Council President Leventhal,

14 Okay, without objection then the NDA for the Housing Opportunities Commission is
15 approved. Seems like we are jumping around Mr. Chairman. That's fine.

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17 Councilmember Silverman,
18 Consumer protection is next.

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20 Council President Leventhal,

21 Are we waiting for DHCA? Doing little ones first?

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23 Councilmember Silverman,

24 Consumer protection. Okay... let's see, there's an OCP technology position which, yeah
25 go ahead.

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27 Councilmember Praisner,

28 Do you want me to comment?

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30 Councilmember Silverman,
31 Go ahead.

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33 Councilmember Praisner,

34 We had a conversation within the MFP you passed along. We had the conversation.
35 What we decided in the interaction sorry Allison had to leave, is that the first thing we
36 had to use funds to decide what OCP needs from a standpoint of getting the systems
37 prepared, rather than, and it fits very much with the conversation we had with Mr. Knapp
38 about the centralization, decentralization, functional kinds of questions. And so the
39 recommendation basically is not to create a position, but to have some funding to, as I
40 recall, having some funding to develop the system needs through DTS support and then
41 to evaluate once we've determined that what kind of support is needed, what kind of
42 position would be necessary. That was my recollection. Aron, is that accurate? Okay.
43 So that's the recommendation. It has so taking the 50,000 in OCP budget for one time
44 and making it one time professional services operating expenses, they'd be used to

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1 implement the requirements. And then we could see what, if there's centralized or
2 decentralized. So there's a \$9,530 reduction in the OCP budget as a result.

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4 Councilmember Silverman,

5 Okay. So based on MFP's recommendation the Exec's recommended budget will drop
6 from \$2,601,710 to \$2,592,180. As a result of all the transfers out of DHCA into OCP,
7 the compliment, more changes on page 3. Bottom line is that as a result of the position
8 transfers between DHCA and OCP and creation and abolishment of positions, increase
9 of 4.5 work years for a total of 24.3 work years allocated to the Office of Consumer
10 Protection. The associated additional cost of the new position is \$213,600. Staff
11 recommended approval and the Committee recommended approval as well.

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13 Councilmember Praisner,
14 Okay, there are no lights.

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16 Councilmember Silverman,
17 Thank you. Keep up the great work.

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19 Councilmember Praisner,
20 Thank you.

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22 Councilmember Silverman,
23 Okay, we will now turn to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Actually,
24 let's dot closing costs NDA first which is agenda item number 9. PHED Committee
25 recommends approval. This is the administrative costs associated with the closing cost
26 NDA. No lights. Okay, welcome. My understanding is that Elizabeth Davidson had an
27 out of town conflict which she talked to us about. It didn't make sense for her to cancel
28 that, so we know she is ably represented here by... Several people, even including Mr.
29 Giloley.

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31 Councilmember Praisner,
32 The lights -- it's on. You need to again for Pictron, everybody needs to identify
33 themselves. You might want to go down the line.

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35 Luann Korona,
36 I'm Luann Korona, and I'm the acting Chief of the Community Development Division.

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38 Christopher Anderson,
39 I'm Chris Anderson, and I'm Manager of the Single Family Housing Programs.

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41 Joe Giloley,
42 I'm Joe Giloley, Chief of Housing Code Enforcement.

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44 Fred Wilcox,
45 Fred Wilcox, do finance and budget.

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Rose Glavinic, OMB.

Councilmember Silverman,

Okay, thank you very much. The Committee's recommending funding of \$32,676,080. The details are contained on the box on the bottom of page 1, top of page 2. There's an overview of the costs going back to FY '03. The fundamental decrease recommendations have to do with the transfer of the positions for Consumer Protection over to the Office of Consumer Protection. There are charges that are there are charges in the Department -- let's try this again. There are personnel costs in the Department that are charged to the CIP Permitting Services and Solid Waste. And those appropriations are not contained in the appropriation for DHCA, we talked about performance measures, and we asked the Committee, at the suggestion of Ms. Praisner, to return to the issue of housing code enforcement and how complaints are tracked this fall. On page 3 FY07 expenditure issues which have no service impact, compensation, retirement rate, group insurance, decrease LAPSE, annualizing '06 positions, and annualizing operating expenses are contained there and at the top of page 4. There were five grants that had been previously managed by DHC that got transferred into the base budget of DHHS, and those were or will be considered part of the HHS budget, so that the PHED Committee recommends unanimously approval of those changes. There were a series of reorganizations that I referenced before in terms of consumer protection. The issue of commercial revitalization came up and Ms. Praisner asked about increase work year in that area. Department indicated this position is funded through the community development block grant funds in FY06 and '07, but in '06 funds included in a CIP project and in '07 included in the operating budget. In terms of new positions and abolished position. The Manager II abolished for FY07. This position was filled by the Division Chief of Consumer Affairs and is no longer needed. There are three new positions requested for FY07. The first two have to do with the administration of the MPDU program. We discussed this issue. The common ownership community responsibilities went to the Office of Consumer Protection except for registration being handled by DHCA. Department reorganized into a single family housing section, include rehab and MDPU's and multifamily section responsible for many of the projects to either retain or finance new affordable housing projects. Senior Planning Specialist, the Committee recommended unanimously this position implementing the technical requirements of single family housing programs such as planning development and pricing of MDPU's as well as the County funded mortgage assistance program contract with H S C. We had a Program Specialist 1 position which will serve as the MDPU liaison with Department of Permitting Services addressing any challenges and ensuring that there will be no other challenges in connection with that program and more importantly the communication. Committee recommended that unanimously approval of that. Then there's a Program Specialist to assist with his Hispanic Outreach. Committee recommended unanimously this position since they, since there is an over all work load increase in outreach, and it's very critical that we make sure, particularly in connection with tenant issues that we are reaching out to the

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broader community. Page 7 is the housing initiative fund. FY07 fiscal plan is for 19.9 million. The Committee is recommending approval. We did have a discussion about the condo transfer tax and decided that the first 4 million in the condo transfer tax will be used to fund the 19.9 million, which is what was recommended by the County Executive. But that any revenues received in FY07 in excess of 4 million must supplement the original appropriation, and we asked for an update in October of the transfer tax. Terms of Committee recommendations on the HIF itself. We approved personnel changes, and then there's a series of programs and contracts that we agreed could be funded through the HIF, I'll mention these in a second. The Committee did recommend specifically that the Department allocate a quarter of a million dollars to the HIF to HOC to fund the Closing Cost Assistance Revolving Fund. We did have discussions with CASA and Montgomery housing partnership about the specific work that they are doing. The contracts that would be paid for out of the Housing Initiative Fund subset called building neighborhoods to call home include \$80,000 to CASA for operation of Pine Ridge Community Center, \$300,000 to CASA for tenant counseling and other housing initiatives in the Long Branch area. 150,000 in Montgomery Housing Partnership for training and support for owners and small rentals. Properties, 100,000 to Montgomery County Partnership for neighborhood revitalizations in the Long Branch area. 33,000 to Community Ministries of Montgomery County to fund the cost of part-time property manager, and \$185,000 to our good friends at Rebuilding Together to be used for operating support to enable the organization to assist low income homeowners with home repairs including accessibility modifications as well as referrals to community resources. Now, it has come to my attention that the request from CASA for Tenant Counseling and Housing Initiatives in the Long Branch area was really 350 and not 300. Jennifer is here. Can you come down and explain that? Apparently it's not information that found its way into our packet. Identify yourself.

Jennifer Freeman,

Hi, I'm Jennifer Freeman, I'm the Development Director at CASA. We submitted through the grants process through Councilmember Leventhal and Councilmember Praisner initiated last year, the formal application for \$350,000. Our current grant is \$300,000 for the housing project, and so we were asking for that \$50,000 increase. It went through a different channel, so I think that is why it wasn't included. I can speak to why we're asking that increase. Yeah? Basically we've been expanding our work in Long Branch in terms of tenant education and outreach. Know you're rights and tenant counseling. We have three tenant organizers on this contract, and our Education and outreach work is expanding, so we'd like to put a part-time manager injury on this, that's basically what it is, also minimal staff salary increases.

Council President Leventhal,

So let me know when you're ready for comments.

Councilmember Silverman,

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1 Well, I was going to suggest that we add the \$50,000 to CASA's grant. Pardon?
2 300,000 would be in the budget as part of the HIF. These are all HIF items. They are
3 not part of our grant process.

4
5 Council President Leventhal,

6 Well, they are not, that's what I want to speak to. Were these amounts \$80,000 to CASA
7 for Pine Ridge, 33,000 to CASA for other Long Branch initiatives, \$150 K to
8 Montgomery Housing Partnership, were these recommended by the County Executive
9 in his budget or were these added by the PHED Committee?

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11 Councilmember Silverman,

12 This was, these were recommended by the County Executive. We have a million
13 dollars, let me try a different way. The Department can allocate up to a million dollars
14 annually for building neighborhoods to call home which are different services that are
15 paid out of the HIF fund. And it's been this way for many, many years. And it's varied
16 from year to year. For example rebuilding together in the past had been a grant, you
17 know, had been a competitive grant process. But the decision of the Executive, which I
18 support, was that since this was in effect helping people stay in their homes, it's no
19 different low income people stay in their homes, it's no different than preserving, using
20 the HIF found preserve existing apartments for lower income folks.

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22 Council President Leventhal,

23 So that language that says page 8 of the memo the Department must allocate the
24 following, that is found in the County Executive's budget?

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26 Councilmember Silverman,

27 Where are you looking? Yeah I know, page 8 where?

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29 Council President Leventhal,

30 As a part of this initiative building neighborhoods to call homes the Department must
31 allocate the following...

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33 Councilmember Silverman,

34 Oh yes!

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36 Linda McMillan,

37 This mirrors the language the Council approved in the FY06 appropriations.

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39 Council President Leventhal,

40 This what is I'm trying to understand.

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42 Councilmember Silverman,

43 County Executive has recommended it...

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45 Council President Leventhal,



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1 Recommended what?

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3 Councilmember Silverman,
4 Has recommended these six bulleted funds.

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6 Council President Leventhal,
7 He has?

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9 Councilmember Silverman,
10 To come out of the HIF fund. The Committee has also recommended.

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12 Council President Leventhal,
13 Is that correct, Ms. McMillan?

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15 Linda McMillan,
16 My understanding is that they were assumed to the allocation of the HIF in the budget
17 book?

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19 Council President Leventhal,
20 Is that correct Joe?

21
22 Joe Giloley,
23 Yes sir, that is correct.

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25 Linda McMillan,
26 And that all except for the rebuilding together are continuations of things from this
27 current year.

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29 Councilmember Silverman,
30 That's the only new one. Our resolution, our budget resolution would have to reflect
31 these specific designations. But that there has always been an understanding that some
32 of the HIF fund moneys would be used to fund housing pieces. Because we have a pot
33 of money that's available for housing.

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35 Council President Leventhal,
36 So is this additional? I'm asking the Department. Is this additional \$50,000 for CASA
37 consistent with the Department's expectation of how these HIF dollars were going to be
38 spent?

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40 Joe Giloley,
41 What we put in the budget was continuation of the \$300,00 allocation from last year. I've
42 not seen the additional \$50,000 request, but it seems perfectly fine. I can look at it
43 though, but it seems perfectly fine. We just have to right a contract that says 350 that
44 would encompass the new scope of work.



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1 Linda McMillan,

2 When we had the discussion, the Department had gotten a request for Community
3 Ministries to increase their amounts slightly from '06. So the \$33,000 is a slight increase
4 because it reflected the compensation change of the part time property manager and
5 the rebuilding together is an addition of what is in FY06. The discussion was that the
6 other amounts are continuations of what those organizations are getting in this current
7 year fiscal '06, and the \$50,000 would be an increase for '07 for CASA for that particular
8 item.

9
10 Joe Giloley,

11 And the Department is fine with that increase.

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13 Council President Leventhal,
14 Ms. Praisner.

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16 Councilmember Praisner,

17 As I recall when we started looking at the HIF fund and allocating we had community
18 requests that were housing related. In some cases they were initiatives that were
19 already being worked on. This is several years ago. And the Committee crafted this way
20 of dealing with these issues by having some funds set aside for the community housing
21 related initiatives. And the Executive has continued that such that we think this
22 percentage of the HIF fund should be used. It's not an ongoing contract as I understand
23 it though because to some extent you might terminate or modify what might be done in
24 any given year for the next year.

25
26 Joe Giloley,

27 That's correct.

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29 Councilmember Praisner,
30 So...

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32 Joe Giloley,

33 New contract is written every year.

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35 Councilmember Praisner,

36 ...the only concerns that I have had over time and these are general concerns related to
37 grants and any of these programs is when you start to get into personnel costs. There
38 are I fear on going expectations of a need for that personnel to be funded by the
39 County. And I get uncomfortable when we are funding personnel costs. There are some
40 of these that are. The Community Ministry request is as well. And I think at some point
41 in this process we are going to have to have a conversation about what we do or what
42 our over all views about personnel costs. Obviously they are then contractually in the
43 accountability and review things of what exactly you're contracting for and what
44 requirements there are, performance, etc., those all apply for everybody. But I get
45 nervous when we keep, when we have folks by hiring people with an expectation that

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1 the County is going to pick up the cost on an on going basis. That's just a general
2 concern that I have. And, of course, obviously there isn't the dollar amounts don't add
3 up to the total amount in this area. But it does raise a concern for me in the long run.

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5 Council President Leventhal,
6 Go ahead.

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8 Councilmember Silverman,

9 So, I'm going to suggest that the \$350, that the \$300 be modified to \$350. All right,
10 thank you. Okay, targets for HIF funded projects are on page 10. As well as sort of what
11 they had been in FY '05 and '06, plus expenditures. The Committee needs to know that
12 there's \$2 million in federal home funds that have been used for MPDU acquisitions.
13 Committee had recommended a target bottom of page 10 for FY07 base. Covers about
14 62% of the HIF funds which gives the Department significant flexibility in terms of how
15 they use the rest of the money. We talked about housing code enforcement. Again we
16 will come back to that as a separate item for sort of over sight, just to get a better
17 understanding about the complaints and how they are being handled and what the
18 nature of the complaints are. Landlord tenant common ownership communities
19 unchanged except the part time investigator remains with L&T and a full time
20 investigator shifted over to the Office of Consumer Protection. The PILOT program, or
21 Payment In Lieu of Taxes, or as Ms. Praisner is insisting on calling it, the PILT Program.
22 We like vowels. The PHED committee discussed this and agreed to schedule a work
23 session in the fall to discuss the current policies and constraints of the program. The
24 committee recommends the following budget provisions, which are at the bottom of
25 page 12 as required to set the monetary cap for '07 through 16. Turning to community
26 development block grants that's on page 13. They are outlined in general categories
27 that are contained on page 13 which include capital projects. Projects which are actually
28 administered by DHCA grants to nonprofits, projects administered by municipalities and
29 a contingency. Administrative cost of \$1.2 million which is less than what is permitted
30 under CDBG funding, but that's what's necessary to fund the program. So the
31 Committee is unanimous there. Emergency shelter grants, Committee recommended 3-
32 0 approval of the emergency shelter grant funds as outlined on page 14. There's also a
33 home investment partnership program on page 14 where the expectation is we will get a
34 little over \$2.8 million to increase housing choices for low income houses for rental and
35 home ownership programs. The details found on page 15. I should mention that I think a
36 chunk of the money that we receive under the home program was used or is going to be
37 used to support the Dale Drive initiative. Some of it is our HIF fund and some of it is
38 home money.

39
40 Joe Giloley,
41 That's correct.

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43 Councilmember Silverman,
44 Community empowerment grants outlined in detail on page 15. These were
45 recommended by the Executive. \$263,810 and the Committee recommended approval.



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1 And then there are private agency requests which the Council is, which Committee took
2 up in economic development but is also going through the grant process. Unless there
3 are questions...

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5 Council President Leventhal,
6 Ms. Praisner.

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8 Councilmember Praisner,
9 Just a comment. If you spend any time out west, as Mr. Knapp has, PILT is what's it's
10 called across all the western states, and on Capital Hill, as I recall. The only comment I
11 would make is I think when we come back to talk about code enforcement and other
12 issues, there were a couple of things that I wanted to discuss. Not just code
13 enforcement issues with MPDUs and non-MDPU affordable housing what it looks like
14 with HOC at the table and permitting service issues. But the comment I wanted to make
15 relates to the budget decrease associated with code enforcement based on numbers
16 that I think are coming back up again. When we start to talk about code enforcement in
17 the fall, I would like to review the projection and budget issues, because I would not
18 want code enforcement, I don't want to say we can't do it because there's no money. It's
19 a corner stone for building communities to call home is having quality neighborhoods in
20 communities. Linda does a terrific job. The Department does a terrific job in that area .
21 And we need to maintain a level of expectation. We already have huge back logs on
22 infrastructure maintenance on our share. Let's work on this issue. That's it.

23
24 Council President Leventhal,
25 Okay, there are no further comments or questions. Without objection the DHCA budget
26 is approved by the County Council. Mr. Silverman.

27
28 Councilmember Silverman,
29 Thank you, I had to be out for the Recreation Department budget, and I appreciate my
30 colleagues taking care of that. There is one item I wanted to come back to, it's a grant
31 request from Montgomery Youth Hockey. The Committee did not support this. This is a
32 one time request for money with capital cost for the ice rink at Rockville Ice Rink. It's
33 comparable in nature to the one-time request by Rockville Baseball to support their
34 lights to support lights at the Montgomery College. MYHA handles 1,100 youth skate
35 skaters. I was going to suggest putting \$150,000 on the Reconciliation List. That is half
36 of what their request is.

37
38 Council President Leventhal,
39 Is there objection?

40
41 Councilmember Denis,
42 I second the motion if they need a second.

43
44 Council President Leventhal,



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1 The motion is made by Mr. Silverman, and seconded by Mr. Denis. Is there an objection
2 to adding the youth hockey grant to the reconciliation? Is there objection? Ms. Floreen,
3 are you commenting or not?

4
5 Councilmember Floreen,
6 I would simply like to comment. We had extensive conversation about adding the library
7 issue staffing to the reconciliation.

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9 Councilmember Silverman,
10 Remind me.

11
12 Council President Leventhal,
13 It's on the list.

14
15 Councilmember Floreen,
16 Inconsistent process I will simply point out.

17
18 Council President Leventhal,
19 I learned I will comment on that, Ms. Floreen. I learned that the Council doesn't have the
20 appetite for voting no to put requests to put things on the Reconciliation List. Now
21 clearly is not the time. The staffing thing, I was on the losing end of that vote. I don't
22 plan to put a lot of losing votes on the public record unless I feel strongly about it. I'm
23 not going to vote against my youth hockey constituents, because what's the point? But if
24 would you like to do so, Ms. Floreen, you have the opportunity right now. Without
25 objection youth hockey is on the Reconciliation List, and we'll see if it gets funded in a
26 week. Have a good lunch everyone. We'll be back at 1:30.

27
28 Councilmember Knapp,
29 Public safety is meeting right here.

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1 Councilmember Praisner,
2 I would hope that maybe we can round up a couple of more Councilmembers. The
3 reason why I wanted this scheduled a time when we hopefully had more attendance is
4 because one, I know Councilmembers are interested in the election process. And two
5 I've never seen a year when there were more issues that it's important for
6 Councilmembers to understand, from a fiscal perspective, and also just from all the balls
7 that are being juggled in the air by our office. The Board of Elections has a lot that
8 they're about, and that's why I was hoping a couple more of our colleagues could join
9 us. I guess I could start if you want to.

10
11 Unidentified Speaker,
12 [INAUDIBLE]

13
14 Councilmember Praisner,
15 They could be.

16
17 Council President Leventhal,
18 Ms. Dacek and Ms. Jurgensen why don't you come up and you can begin with an
19 overview and then let's hope that Councilmembers see fit to join us.

20
21 Councilmember Praisner,
22 Why don't folks introduce themselves again for the Pictron system so we know, Nancy,
23 if you could start.

24
25 Nancy Dacek,
26 I'm Nancy Dacek, President of the Board of Elections.

27
28 Margaret Jurgensen,
29 Margaret Jurgensen, Director, Board of Elections.

30
31 Brian Hunt,
32 Brian Hunt, Office of Management and Budget.

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Councilmember Praisner,

And Sonya Healy is a staff person on this. As I indicated, the year began -- this calendar year began with the General Assembly overriding the Governor's veto on the early voting process. The County, the State of Maryland will have, its voters will have the ability for the first time in the state to vote earlier than the election day separate from the issue of an absentee ballot, which obviously will permit someone to vote earlier than the election day. And this is true for both the primary and the general. And that is -- the process begins with the larger counties having to have three polling locations beyond their, however they might construct them. In the process of overriding the veto, I think maybe in subsequent legislation, as I recall, the Legislature went one step further and identified the specific polling places. The language in the legislation does provide for the Supervisor of Elections at the state level and also the Election Director, notifying the Supervisor if there's an issue associated with the locations that were chosen. But the, that process still has to begin. The other piece that is an issue that we'll talk about a little further is the issue of the Help America Vote Act which is the federal act that had some funds, not all of the funds that folks anticipated, because they never appropriated and there still may be attempts every year but they never appropriated all of the funds. One of the requirements for a state to access the federal funds is a uniform statewide registration system. And January was the deadline for having one in place, except that states could appeal or request an extension. To the best of my knowledge, and Margaret and Nancy could update us, the state of Maryland has not requested an extension. So we have a contract, and a contractor, and a process for the statewide polling -- statewide registration system, and obviously it's even more important to have this electronic polling books when you're able to vote early, and when you're not limited with a specific location like a polling place that you're given a notice about so you can vote, presumably, anywhere at the three in your County. You can even vote somewhere outside of your County. And therefore it's critical that that name on the electronic polling books so indicate that that person has voted, such that you don't then show up either in another location within those six days when voting is possible, but also that you don't show up on election day and say I want to vote. Certainly when there are challenges you have a provisional ballots that can be cast but still it's very critical that we have electronic polling books that allow anyone anywhere that is managing the election to know if someone has already voted. The contract the state signed includes a specific requirement within that contract for interface and consideration of and the need to work with the Montgomery County Geographic Information System because ours is very sophisticated system that's been up and running for some time. There had been challenges to put it mildly, with that integration issue. They are both contested issues from a standpoint of what's wrong and if it's a major issue. There is a desire by the state Board of Elections, obviously, and the contractor to get this issue behind them, but it is still a problem such that the Committee heard that there was a potential for 5,000 plus voters to be stranded meaning that their names weren't picked up in Montgomery County as being eligible voters. It has to do with the address system and the recording of those address systems through our Geographic Information System process. So that's a contract with Sabre as I recall. So there's that issue. The third issue related to

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1 the early voting is obviously security. The three locations which our legislators identified
2 were the Silver Spring Library, the current library on Colesville Road, Rockville City Hall,
3 and the Germantown Library, and I assume they mean the old, or the current
4 Germantown Library. The question there associated with each of those locations is
5 access, and the question is space for the kind of systems. We had indicated, I think, we
6 needed around 36 voting spaces. In other words, you're not taking a traditional precinct.
7 You have three in the -- in your County so you need more polling places, more voting
8 machines spaces in order to handle what might be early voting demands. There is not
9 enough space in any of those places for the 36. I think we were told City Hall would
10 have 11 and two for handicapped, so 13, and maybe 14 or so at Silver Spring, and I
11 don't remember how many at Germantown Library. But it's obviously with those
12 numbers significantly fewer than the number that we'll talking about. So there are no
13 regulations as yet that I know of, unless something's happened within the last two
14 weeks. There were no regulations for how to implement, and you have to have
15 regulations. The issues as I said are the electronic polling books. When this legislation
16 was initially passed last year, there were requirements for the Governor to include within
17 the legislation that was passed, there were requirements for funding for the state to
18 assume the costs of the funding. Obviously with the legislation vetoed by the Governor,
19 he had no obligation on his part to incorporate that funding within his budget for this
20 year, and did he not. So from a standpoint and we'll talk about that piece too, from the
21 standpoint of the funding issue, we are to a great extent, talking about requirements in
22 funding where hopefully, in our conversations, MACo conversations with the leadership
23 in the Senate and the House of trying to make us whole, but there are unfunded
24 mandates associated with this as well. I'm going to stop and have staff and Sonya make
25 whatever comments they might want. I just thought it was very critical. There obviously
26 is always the cycle to the budget for the Board of Elections. You have two elections this
27 fiscal year, two different elections, costs more. Next year we won't have any so the
28 budget goes back down. It's a cycle. But there are bigger peaks this year by virtue of the
29 significant changes in the issues of the impacts for the early voting, the increased costs
30 for the cycle and those pieces and the state mandates. I have not even mentioned the
31 issue of the efforts in Annapolis, which were not successful, to change the voting
32 machines, which would have been even more dramatic and additional problem
33 associated with trying to get those machines in place, leasing or purchase and also
34 storage, and there are storage issues associated with not only security issues but
35 storage issues associated with these electronic polling books as well. But had there
36 been legislation that required a different kind of voting system, we would have also had
37 to train the judges on this whole new system and the voters and we went through a very
38 comprehensive education program with voters. Most voters I think are, the feedback
39 that we've gotten has been positive about the system. I'm setting aside the questions
40 about whether a paper, the paper trail issues, but we've also had conversations out
41 what has been certified as a paper trail system. And obviously there are concerns that
42 have been raised about the Debold system but at this point those are not alive or ripe
43 systems for us. The issue is we will use the upgrade of the existing machines, but we
44 will use that system. The issue is this early voting, the costs, the security, obviously the
45 decision is made and somewhat similarly these three locations are government-

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1 controlled locations which means you can secure them better than you might a
2 privately-held facility. I should add though that the City of Rockville has said no to the
3 use of City Hall for a polling place. They may want to, Margaret or Nancy or Sara Harris,
4 who has joined us, may want to comment on where that issue is. I had urged them to as
5 swiftly as possible follow the law by informing the State Supervisor of Elections, Linda
6 Lamone, that we have problem, Houston, on this issue of the mandated locations. So
7 why don't I stop there and have Margaret, Nancy, Sara, whomever, make whatever
8 overall comments there are, and then I can easily work through the dollar amounts. But
9 I just thought it was very important. The other point I guess I would make there is
10 potentially, and we all should be alert to it, a later time period associated with knowing
11 the results with all of these complexities. And there is significant potential for challenge
12 on a variety of issues associated with the results given all of these issues, which means
13 that the Board of Elections Supervisor, the staff who do an incredible job, have even
14 more due diligence associated with this election process. Margaret, Nancy, Sara.

15
16 Margaret Jurgensen,
17 Okay.

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19 Councilmember Praisner,
20 Your button is pushed down. It just doesn't light up.

21
22 Margaret Jurgensen,
23 Good afternoon, again I'm Margaret Jurgensen with the Election Director for
24 Montgomery County we're going to start with the Help America Vote Act which we've
25 seen probably the first part of it, the introduction of the touch screen machines. The
26 second element of HAVA is the requirement of the statewide Voter Registration
27 Database called MD Voters. Now in order for the state and County to keep the federal
28 monies that were granted, we must have had in place January 1 of this year a statewide
29 voter registration database, and this contract is controlled by the State of Maryland
30 Board of Elections. As you're well aware of, the voter list is not simply a list of names of
31 data, but a database by legal mandates that consists of representative governmental
32 subdistricts. Montgomery County has three Congressional Districts, numerous
33 Legislative Council and School Districts. This is the backbone of the system. Because
34 without the precinct designation and within that precinct designation is information that's
35 tied specifically to the district, without that in place, we are not able to inform voters
36 where to vote, what they're qualified to vote for, candidates will not be able to receive
37 information that is precinct-specific. Thus legislative congressional district-specific. The
38 contract of the state requires that MD Voters will ensure data provided by the
39 Montgomery County GIS for the local Board Election Street File Maintenance can be
40 loaded into that statewide database. While it can be loaded, the functionality is
41 unacceptable, because what it does is, right now we have, and there were another GIS
42 interface that occurred Tuesday there is 5,500 streets that are moved out of the street
43 file. And those individuals that live on those 5,500 streets they go into a virtual voter
44 limbo, they are not associated to a precinct. That means when you pick up your walking
45 list, or we print a precinct registry, those names are missing from those precinct lists.



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2 Councilmember Andrews,
3 Those names on all...you said...

4
5 Margaret Jurgensen,
6 5,500 streets.

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8 Councilmember Andrews,
9 How many streets are there?

10
11 Margaret Jurgensen,
12 There's like 7,600 streets in Montgomery County.

13
14 Councilmember Andrews,
15 So that's most of the streets.

16
17 Margaret Jurgensen,
18 It's, well, I think it's 5,500 out of 75,000 streets.

19
20 Councilmember Andrews,
21 75,000.

22
23 Margaret Jurgensen,
24 I'm sorry, 75,000 street segments.

25
26 Councilmember Andrews,
27 Segments. Segments are, segments are blocks or they're not entire streets.

28
29 Margaret Jurgensen,
30 They can be anything.

31
32 Councilmember Praisner,
33 I think it probably relates to the precincts, so you have a long street like Connecticut
34 Avenue which is multiple precincts, and, therefore, have segments that relate to them.

35
36 Councilmember Andrews,
37 Maybe in 30 precincts.

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39 Councilmember Praisner,
40 So it could be in 30 precincts and count as 30.

41
42 Margaret Jurgensen,
43 When I ran the precinct list...

44
45 Councilmember Floreen,

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1 ...they get the mail, their post office?

2
3 Margaret Jurgensen,

4 No, this is not anything like that. So, for instance, I ran a precinct, I think was 76, it was,
5 I'm just going to say 76, and approximately 10% of the voters did not appear in that
6 precinct. As I recall, the Connecticut Street was one of them, Leland was another one,
7 and we don't understand why. And even the company, when we asked them what
8 specifically are the bugs to this system, we have not received a clear answer. So
9 because of this issue, Montgomery County will need to maintain its County mainframe
10 database, but we'll also need to continue to enter all of the data into the database, the
11 statewide database. Another significant issue with MD Voters is because we're covered
12 under section 203 of the Voting Rights act, all documents related to voting and election
13 activities must be generated in two languages, English and Spanish. Their system does
14 not generate such documents, so because of this we must continue to use our County
15 mainframe system. I believe that probably by 2008, the 2008 election, we will have a lot
16 of these issues resolved. But right now, for our purposes of planning for 2006, I must
17 maintain two separate databases, so that they mirror one another until that time the
18 functionality of MD Voters is achieved. It is critical that we maintain MD Voters and
19 utilize this database because it's critical for the early voting. Early voting is, while it is
20 new to the State of Maryland, it does occur in 34 states. It is estimated, based on
21 nationwide reviews, that about 20% of our voters will utilize this method for voting.
22 Voters across the nation do like this. Early voting will occur in Maryland from 7:00 a.m.
23 til 8:00 p.m. September 5 through 9 and then October 31 through November 4. In order
24 for this to work successfully, we anticipate that the state has devised a formula, and it's
25 really not that significantly different from the formula we came up with. We said 40 units.
26 They're saying 36 units. Each site will have to have three Electronic Poll Books, a
27 computer, phone and approximately 75 no-fee parking spaces. So -- and it has to meet
28 all the ADA requirements. The staffing is going to be similar to what you would see on
29 the polling place with poll watchers there. But we're also going to have on staff at each
30 of these early voting sites a technical trouble shooter and clerical support. The location
31 specifically spelled out in law do not meet these requirements. We did talk to Ross and
32 over the last couple of days, Monday and Tuesday, and we were at our Maryland
33 election officials. They asked us to come back and resurvey several different sites to
34 come up with an alternative suggestion, but...

35
36 Councilmember Praisner,

37 So, is it possible that you'll go back to this suggested sites that you were thinking about,
38 or no?

39
40 Nancy Dacek,

41 Well, in Silver Spring, the, our suggested site was Rosemary Hills Recreation Center
42 and their suggest site is the Library which is completely inadequate. The question is will
43 the state accept our alternatives, and Rockville, they won't have us. But they wanted us
44 in Rockville City. So -- but they don't have any suggestions either other than the broken-
45 down roller rink, and that's not really in Rockville City.



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1
2 Councilmember Andrews,
3 Rockville City Hall can't accommodate the number of voting machines, right?

4
5 Nancy Dacek,
6 No, it can't and neither can Silver Spring, and neither can the Germantown Library. We
7 can go because we had decided to Damascus Rec Center, because that's as close to
8 East Germantown as anything, but they don't like that word Damascus, so we can go to
9 the Germantown Rec Center, which we'll probably be a change that will be all right with
10 the state Board, but the other two we have no idea, we have no idea where we're going.

11
12 Councilmember Praisner,
13 You need to keep us posted.

14
15 Margaret Jurgensen,
16 Yeah, and just as we need to, I mean, recreation, we have been talking to recreation.
17 We have our e-mails go back and forth and the title is "The Saga Continues." But the
18 fact of the matter is we're trying to lock down these places. The locations, like I said, do
19 not meet it, also in this instance, also at the early voting sites we had planned to use
20 election judges in split shifts because they have to report at 6:00 in the morning and
21 work until at least 9:00 at night and in some cases even later particularly the Friday and
22 Saturday, the last two days. The first draft of regulations which we saw for the very first
23 time Monday, said that they do not want us to allow to split the shifts of the, specifically
24 the Chief Judges, so they are trying to pressure the Local Boards of Elections to find
25 Chief Judges who will work from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the amount of \$150 is the
26 stipend we pay. They're not open to the concept of an hourly wage. We have significant
27 concerns about this, because it is a very, very long day. Additionally, they have also
28 made a preliminary recommendation that the early voting results not be released at 8:00
29 p.m. on election night, not even a summary number. We're deeply concerned about this
30 issue because the voting system has encryption, a new layer of encryption with the PC
31 memory card which will delay the results even longer than our recent past election
32 experience. The rationale for holding back those results was not very forthcoming. And
33 we believe that there is going to be, that the public as well as the media will also be
34 quite concerned. As was said earlier...

35
36 Council President Leventhal,
37 I'm sorry, who is it who's saying that, the State Board that is saying you are not going to
38 release the early results.

39
40 Margaret Jurgensen,
41 The early voting results, they do not, Our intention was to release them at 8:00, the
42 summary total.

43
44 Councilmember Praisner,
45 The way we used to use the morning boxes.

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2 Council President Leventhal,
3 And no rationale for why not to release those?

4
5 Margaret Jurgensen,
6 I think they told me they'll revisit it and take a vote, but I'm not sure who is voting.

7
8 Nancy Dacek,
9 The also, there is another part of this scheme which has enraged a number of people,
10 and that they have said to us we have to release the names of the people each of those
11 early voting days.

12
13 Councilmember Praisner,
14 Release the names?

15
16 Nancy Dacek,
17 Yes.

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19 Council President Leventhal,
20 Release them to whom.

21
22 Nancy Dacek,
23 To the political parties. So those of us who trying to decide which lawsuit would come
24 first, some of us settled on that one. But we would never, I mean, you know, we just
25 don't do it, and obviously you don't say how they voted. You just said that these are the
26 people who voted on Monday, these voted on Tuesday and Wednesday.

27
28 Councilmember Praisner,
29 Would you do it sequentially then or at the end?

30
31 Nancy Dacek,
32 No, sequentially.

33
34 Councilmember Praisner,
35 So on Tuesday you'd release the names of those who voted on Monday. On
36 Wednesday you'd, oh, my goodness.

37
38 Margaret Jurgensen,
39 The rationale.

40
41 Council President Leventhal,
42 How does that differ from what poll watchers can do now going into a poll and making a
43 note of who voted?

44
45 Nancy Dacek,



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1 Well, they can do that now, but if you've ever been a poll watcher, it's very, very difficult
2 in anything but a very well small precinct to keep note of who has voted and who has
3 not.

4
5 Council President Leventhal,
6 But the information is made available.

7
8 Nancy Dacek,
9 Oh, yes, it is.

10
11 Council President Leventhal,
12 Posted.

13
14 Nancy Dacek,
15 But not, but nobody ever gets it all.

16
17 Margaret Jurgensen,
18 The rationale that the state presented at the Election Official's meeting was that since
19 absentee requests are matter of public record that their rationale was that they would
20 treat individuals who voted early in that same manner and that they so anyone who
21 voted on Tuesday, after we closed the books that night, some sort of list would be
22 created and forwarded to two major political parties in any other minor political parties
23 that would be qualified. The key to the early voting is successful early voting is we
24 absolutely must have the Electronic Poll Books. The Electronic Poll Books, which were
25 also demand demonstrated for the entire body are synced so each early voting sites
26 would have three and they would be connected and they would be interfaced live in
27 particularly the three, the seven largest jurisdictions that have three sites each so it
28 would be a live database. So if I showed up at Silver Spring Library, if that were a site
29 and then tried to show up again at Rockville City Hall, it would immediately show that I
30 had already voted, and that's why the Electronic Poll Book is necessary for the State
31 Board to purchase. We're very excited about the poll books us because it will eliminate
32 the need for these old voter authority cards which is one of my favorite things to get rid
33 of it. The poll book will print-out this receipt that you will sign instead. And then that will,
34 these documents will accompany the voter and the election judge to your voting device.
35 Unfortunately while I'm very, very excited about the Electronic Poll Books, the state
36 formula calls for an allocation based on check-in tables, but does not include one for the
37 Chief Judge to share. And the problem is that is that if you only have two at a polling
38 place, you take one out of service so the Chief Judge can do his problem-solving and all
39 the sudden the issue of resolving the long lines, we get the long lines again. So one of
40 my recommendations just to prevent the long lines is that we need to probably purchase
41 another 80 Electronic Poll Books for our Chief Judges so we can resolve the long lines
42 that we normally have particularly in a general election. Our issue is that early voting
43 sites will then close at 8:00 p.m. and using our other states' experience, the last voter
44 will probably be out at 10:00 p.m. Then the entire Statewide Voter Registration
45 Database will have to be up loaded with all of the information of voters absent that have

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1 voted absentee as well as early. That will be queued, data processed into the statewide
2 server. And then we will begin the process of downloading all of our County database
3 and we will need to proceed to burn approximately 850 cards, perform logic and
4 accuracy testing for the delivery of these Electronic Poll Books starting at 6:00 a.m., on
5 Monday morning. We will have approximately 25 hours to turn this information around.
6 The state needs five hours just to do its upload and download. And the other piece of
7 the Electronic Poll Book in this year's budget includes several, we have to do extensive
8 training, and so we're spending more money on training sites than we ever have before
9 because these Election Judges, besides understanding how to set up the voting unit,
10 now need to set the Electronic Poll Books so they can be utilized as well as safety. We
11 do plan to send a hard copy precinct register to serve as a backup. We did utilize the
12 Electronic Poll Book at the school election for the Student Board Member, and it's a very
13 simple process. We didn't print the receipt. The State of Georgia will be implementing
14 the Electronic Poll Book for their July primary, and we plan to send several of our staff
15 people to Dekalb County, Georgia. Same size, same statewide concept to watch this
16 process. Some answers that I have received since I last appeared for the MFP, is that
17 yes, we are responsible for security, that will be coming out of our pocket. Michael
18 Sanderson was at the same meeting and he said we're going after money. The issue of
19 delivery, that's a big concern because we have one day to get it all done. Supposedly,
20 this is going to be done by the State Board and Debolt. We obviously are very, very
21 interested when we ask for specifics, they said well, we're working on that. These
22 machines will be charged, they will be charged on the outside and we will have to
23 charge them, just as the units are charged in between the two elections. Other
24 significant budget issues, as I mentioned, were the training spaces, we have to have
25 voting units, we have to have e-poll books, we have to have people touch the machines,
26 we have to have them touch the e-poll books and simulate what's going to happen at
27 the polling place. We have to a simulate the modem transfer because it's significantly
28 different. And one of the things that we saw in the school election, and generally
29 speaking, these High School kids are like a hundred times ahead of their grandparents
30 on some of this stuff, is that they were making the types of mistakes that the
31 manufacturer expected to see, because it's not easy to tell that one PC memory card
32 has advanced and you need to go to the next. The class sizes need to be small
33 because of the hands-on requirement. Another new requirement is because of the early
34 voting and the no excuse absentee, 30 days prior to the primary, which is the separate
35 mailing from the specimen ballot for the primary and general election, we are required to
36 mail to each voter information on the early voting sites, the new excuse absentee voting
37 and the state has informed us that we have to provide additional information on the new
38 screens that you will see on the touch screen voting.

39
40 Councilmember Praisner,

41 When you talked to us, we talked about the fact that you might combine the two such
42 that the mailing on this information would also be the sample ballot. Are you saying it
43 can't be?

44
45 Margaret Jurgensen,

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1 No. Originally we thought we were doing four mailings. We're still doing three, so that,
2 no, there are not more mailings. Then the final new piece is, and we have not seen the
3 regulations on this, is the requirements for Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes
4 that we have never seen before. And the way the first discussion I've heard of it is that if
5 you have five people he requesting an absentee ballot from one address, we'll be
6 required to go out there.

7
8 Councilmember Praisner,
9 You mean the Board of Elections will have to send somebody out, an employee, a
10 volunteer, a judge? What position to deliver the ballots?

11
12 Margaret Jurgensen,
13 Two people.

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15 Councilmember Praisner,
16 Two people. To deliver the ballots?

17
18 Margaret Jurgensen,
19 Right, so...

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21 Councilmember Praisner,
22 If there are more than five absentee ballots from any one address?

23
24 Margaret Jurgensen,
25 Correct.

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27 Councilmember Praisner,
28 So, we don't have the regs yet?

29
30 Margaret Jurgensen,
31 Well, it was just a discussion and obviously when I heard that, I'm surprised you didn't
32 hear me speaking in a loud voice over here.

33
34 Councilmember Praisner,
35 Well, I'm so pleased to get this additional information about requirements and
36 regulations that are not yet ready. Needless to say, the point, the reasons why I wanted
37 this front and center for the Council is because obviously for our own edification as
38 potential candidates and as elected officials, also for the public's edification. Obviously
39 voting as very important responsibility, and a very important obligation for County
40 Governments across this country. And helping everyone vote is obviously what we're
41 about. But responsibly and accurately recording the intent of the voter is also important
42 and making sure that they have access appropriately. The comments I've gotten from
43 some of my colleagues in other states were early voting already exist is that folks like
44 the opportunity to fit it into their schedule, just as not having to have a reason for
45 applying for an absentee ballot is also increases convenience as far as folks'

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1 expectations. The potential return from a standpoint of increasing the number of folks
2 who vote, my friends tell me, that in the end they saw very little difference from the
3 traditional number of voters and those when an early voting option. So you increase the
4 convenience, but not not necessarily dramatically increase the turnout. They come at
5 different times but not more of them come. But we can maybe hopefully be different. But
6 it's just important for us to know that. All of this has fiscal implications as well as
7 obviously policy implications. We are going to obviously see a supplemental in this area.
8 I think Sonya makes that point and I think there's no way to avoid that. So we're just
9 alerting everyone. I'd like to just go over the name changes. There are obviously
10 maintenance requirements for the statewide voter registration over 300,000, almost
11 300,000 for temporary clerical services. That's part of the cycle of the election cycle.
12 Early voting facilities, again in this case we're not sure because we don't know what the
13 facilities will be. But it's over 400,000. Payments for the touch-screen voting, I'm sorry,
14 is just our piece of the allocation, the payments that's the seven year payment plan that
15 was associated with system when it was first awarded as a state contract. That's over
16 800,000. The election cycle overtime in this area I suspect we will see excesses above
17 the number that we're appropriating now or approving now which is 330,000. And then
18 there are the printing costs and the support costs, et cetera. The Committee
19 recommends obviously approval of all of these for the FY07 Operating Budget as
20 submitted by the Executive and notes that the County board may have to return to the
21 Council for a supplemental appropriation given the challenges, the costs and the issues
22 of the election process as mandated by state law and in order to implement both the
23 challenges of a safety net left for voters associated with a statewide polling books and
24 whatever decisions are made about quantity of polling books. And as Margaret
25 indicated, Michael Sanderson being a staff person for the Maryland Association of
26 Counties, we will be going back not General Assembly for reimbursement of these
27 costs. Documentation is obviously important. I think Mr. President, Mr. Denis' light is on.

28
29 Council President Leventhal,
30 Yeah, Mr. Denis.

31
32 Councilmember Denis,
33 Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Madam Chair, and this as in many other areas,
34 we've world class board and a world-class system, and I thank you all for your efforts.
35 There was a story in one of the papers today and I'll just read you the headline. Election
36 officials fearful of new laws. Early voting worries some. The deadline was McHenry,
37 Maryland. I'm not sure where that is at a conference, "WISP"?

38
39 Councilmember Praisner,
40 That's where.

41
42 Councilmember Denis,
43 Deep Creek, okay.

44
45 Councilmember Praisner,



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1 Deep Lake.

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3 Councilmember Denis,
4 Okay, right.

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6 Councilmember Floreen,
7 They need the business.

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9 Councilmember Denis,
10 In the story, I'll just read you this paragraph. "Samuel L. Statland, a Democratic member
11 of the Montgomery County Board of Elections said, trepidation is widespread about
12 whether the changes will work with the statewide voter registration system that is
13 supposed to prevent illegitimate voting," and goes on and there are other comments.
14 So, I guess, I've heard what you've said, and heard it in Committee, and so on, and I
15 share the your concerns and the concerns expressed by the Chair and others. But I just
16 would like to ask you, if someone presented you a petition to stay the effect of that,
17 would you sign it, would you recommend that people sign it?

18
19 Nancy Dacek,
20 I don't think that's really our...

21
22 Margaret Jurgensen,
23 I'm not going to go there.

24
25 Councilmember Denis,
26 No?

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28 Nancy Dacek,
29 That's not our job...

30
31 Councilmember Denis,
32 No, I mean, put up a caution light. Would you sign a petition, would you urge other
33 people to sign it and then you don't want to give us your opinion?

34
35 Margaret Jurgensen,
36 I'm not a policy maker.

37
38 Nancy Dacek,
39 We have enough of our own caution lights that the point. We do have a lot of them. I do
40 want to mention especially for those that are not on the MFP Committee, understand
41 the GIS question is ours only, because no other County or jurisdiction has a GIS system
42 so we're the only ones that are suffering from this...

43
44 Councilmember Praisner,



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1 There are other GIS systems but at the level that we're talking about and also the
2 contracts that was signed specifically references a requirement to interface with the
3 Montgomery County GIS system and I think that's the critical piece. The contractor was
4 on notice from the beginning that there was this requirement.

5
6 Margaret Jurgensen,
7 We know...

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9 Councilmember Praisner,
10 There are GIS systems in other counties but they are not at the level of the
11 sophistication when it comes to addresses and database.

12
13 Margaret Jurgensen,
14 And we notified the state and Sabre starting December 12 that that GIS interface had
15 not functioned of 2005.

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17 Council President Leventhal,
18 Mr. Andrews.

19
20 Councilmember Andrews,
21 Oh, sorry.

22
23 Council President Leventhal,
24 Ms. Floreen.

25
26 Councilmember Floreen,
27 Thank you. Perhaps you addressed this and I missed it. But one of the claim, the
28 concerns about voter fraud that this early voting system might allow is the ability of
29 individuals to go from early, from location to location and simply assert an address. And
30 that would be permitted. That would go into your database I suppose, but there's the
31 question of validation.

32
33 Margaret Jurgensen,
34 Okay. The issue is if an individual would attempt to try to vote, there'll be three sites in
35 Montgomery County. So if I were to show up, if Margaret Jurgensen were to show up at
36 the Silver Spring Library and vote, because we're setting up an interactive live process,
37 it would immediately go into all databases. So that when I drove up to Rockville or
38 Germantown, then it would show that I have voted. Now, because the Help America
39 Vote Act mandates that if I insist upon voting that they have to give me a provisional
40 ballot but that would not be counted until the second Friday after the election. And then
41 what happens is from the Thursday after the election, we begin to research every voter
42 that votes a provisional ballot and we would research that Margaret Jurgensen had
43 already voted at Silver Spring so we would set that provisional ballot aside, and then the
44 board would recommend whether that person, Margaret Jurgensen, should be sent over
45 to the State Attorney for prosecution. If Margaret Jurgensen were to drive from the



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1 Silver Spring Library up to Frederick and then try to vote then because I'm an out of
2 County resident and I do not qualify to vote for any of those ballot styles, then I would
3 not be allowed to vote. I would be allowed a provisional ballot. If my name is not on any
4 statewide registration database, you can vote, we'll give you a provisional ballot, but we
5 will not tabulate that vote.

6
7 Councilmember Floreen,
8 Will there be identification required?

9
10 Margaret Jurgensen,
11 No. Well. There's no identification requirements in the state of Maryland except when
12 you register to vote as of January 1 of this year.

13
14 Councilmember Floreen,
15 I mean, I could conceivably go to some place and identify myself as my daughter who is
16 registered to vote. And you would have no way of knowing whether or not...

17
18 Margaret Jurgensen,
19 No, in the state of Maryland it's a personal oath that you take affirming that you are that
20 person living at that address with that specific date of birth.

21
22 Council President Leventhal,
23 But that was true before.

24
25 Councilmember Floreen,
26 Yeah...

27
28 Margaret Jurgensen,
29 It's been true. That has never changed.

30
31 Councilmember Floreen,
32 That is not a new issue.

33
34 Council President Leventhal,
35 If you were so inclined.

36
37 Margaret Jurgensen,
38 If you want to commit a crime, yes, you can commit a crime.

39
40 Council President Leventhal,
41 You could catch cast your daughter's vote or son's vote or any vote now.

42
43 Councilmember Floreen,
44 I would have trouble as my son.



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1 Councilmember Praisner,
2 As your son.

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4 Council President Leventhal,
5 But there's no photo ID...

6
7 Councilmember Floreen,
8 Excuse me, the point is though that that was an opportunity that was always available.

9
10 Councilmember Praisner,
11 It's just the frequency of that opportunity is increased because of the multiple locations
12 and multiple days.

13
14 Councilmember Floreen,
15 So that's no more an issue now than it ever had been.

16
17 Margaret Jurgensen,
18 Except what Ms. Praisner described that there's another opportunity.

19
20 Councilmember Praisner,
21 There's more opportunity.

22
23 Councilmember Floreen,
24 Okay, thanks.

25
26 Council President Leventhal,
27 Okay, I think that concludes the Board of Election.

28
29 Councilmember Praisner,
30 Thank you.

31
32 Council President Leventhal,
33 Good Luck, Ms. Dacek, I want to thank you for serving on the Agricultural working
34 group. We're looking forward to that group which should get started in the next several
35 weeks.

36
37 Nancy Dacek,
38 Actually, I'm looking forward to it to, because I think it's a good group.

39
40 Council President Leventhal,
41 We appreciate your service in that, and on of the Board of Elections and in so many
42 other ways, and good to see you. If I could just very quickly get the attention of my
43 colleagues, I just wanted to address. I had requested that Councilmembers provide my
44 office with priorities regarding grants. And I've had a number of conversations with, my
45 staff has had conversations with your staff, and I've had some conversation with you,

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1 and I just want to say, your over thinking this. This was purely a sincere effort on my
2 part to find out what you guys want. That's all it was. If Councilmembers don't want to
3 provide me with your lists, then obviously I won't have them over the next few days. My
4 staff and I will be putting together a draft list that will be presented to the Council on
5 Wednesday. The factors as I said in the memo that was circulated over the weekend,
6 but I'll just restate them, the factors that my staff and I will look at will include but will not
7 be limited to the following. Number one, which organizations receive the highest rating
8 from the Grants Review Panel. Number two, which organizations appear to have the
9 most support from Councilmembers. Number three, which organizations appear to have
10 the most support from the community? We'll factor all these things in and we will
11 produce a list that we will then circulate prior to the Council's acting on Wednesday. I
12 had no hidden agenda. I wasn't playing a parlor game. I wasn't suggesting that, you
13 know, my boys have a game called opposite day where they say "I hate you, Daddy,"
14 and it means "I love you, Daddy." I wasn't suggesting that.

15
16 Councilmember Silverman,
17 I love you, George.

18
19 [LAUGHTER]

20
21 Councilmember Praisner,
22 It's not opposite day, George.

23
24 Council President Leventhal,
25 I wasn't suggesting that you give me the things low on the list so they would make it and
26 the list would get larger. Don't over think this. This was a sincere and well meant effort
27 to find out what you want. If you want to tell me, then I will know. If you don't want to tell
28 me, then I won't know. Okay, having said that, we now turn to the Human Rights
29 Commission. Our distinguished Director Odessa Shannon is here with her staff, and --
30 what's that?

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32 Odessa Shannon,
33 [INAUDIBLE]

34
35 Council President Leventhal,
36 Do you, that's why you're here. Press your button and begin. On the Human Rights
37 Commission, let me just say, we had very helpful and useful discussion with the Office
38 of Legislative Oversight where they had performed a base budget review. We generally
39 supported the County Executive's recommendations. We also agreed on a proposal for
40 \$100,000 for a Policy Study and Public Outreach Project. And how were we paying for
41 that, Jean? Were we adding that to the Reconciliation List, or did we offset that?

42
43 Jean Arthur,
44 You didn't come up with a method of payment.



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1 Council President Leventhal,
2 I see, but we didn't add it to the Reconciliation List?

3
4 Jean Arthur,
5 No.

6
7 Council President Leventhal,
8 So we'll look forward to the Office of Human Rights getting back with us as to how that
9 would be performed. And in the OLO review, there were three issues that we requested
10 the Executive Branch to get back to us on. We're interested in how can compliance
11 testing for the fair housing program can be improved. There has been a dip in the
12 number of tests that are being done, and we hope to get that back on track, and we will
13 be hearing back from the Executive Branch about that. We wanted to understand the
14 status of transfers from the rental license fee for Fair Housing Programs. And then we
15 also again asked for responses on the status of the home grant which is a Fair Housing
16 Program as well. So we didn't actually add anything or subtract anything from the
17 budget. And unless Councilmembers have questions on these substantive issues raised
18 in the OLO report, these are issues that the HHS Committee will be looking at again, I
19 believe, in the fall. So they don't require discussion now unless Councilmembers want to
20 go in them. Ms. Shannon, did you want to make any remarks as we prepare to approve
21 your budget for the coming year?

22
23 Odessa Shannon,
24 No.

25
26 Jean Arthur,
27 It's on, it's on.

28
29 Council President Leventhal,
30 It's on, yeah, the light is not going on for some reason.

31
32 Odessa Shannon,
33 We, of course, appreciate the opportunity to come. To say that we think we've done a
34 good job this year, and we are proud of the program. We actually had a pretty good
35 OLO report which is in and of itself something to be proud of, and we're satisfied with
36 the Executive's Budget and hope that the Council approves it.

37
38 Council President Leventhal,
39 Okay, thank you very much. And there appear to be no questions so go forth and do
40 work. Without objection the Human Rights Office's budget is approved. Next on our
41 agenda is the Commission For Women. The Health and Human Services Committee
42 agreed with the County Executive's recommendation of \$1,196,310 in FY07 for the
43 Commission of Women. We also suggested that \$4,000 be placed on the Reconciliation
44 List for printing of "The Status of Women Report" which we're looking forward to
45 receiving. The Executive Director Judith Vaughn-Prather is here, and commission

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1 members are here. If you wanted to make any statement at this time, Judith, or if any of
2 the commissioners would like to do so, you should introduce yourself and proceed. You
3 need to press that button there.

4
5 Judith Vaughn-Prather,
6 Judith Vaughn-Prather, I'm the Executive Director of the Commission For Women. I've
7 Tracy Stuger, who is our Legislative Budget Specialist with us, and Elma Rambo, who
8 runs our Women's Counseling and Career Center, and I have Debra Horan, our
9 distinguished President of the Commission this year, and Pat Cornish who is the
10 immediate Past President and Chairing "The Status of Women Report" this year.

11
12 Council President Leventhal,
13 Greetings. Okay. There are some questions. Ms. Praisner.

14
15 Councilmember Praisner,
16 First of all, I wanted to acknowledge and compliment, there have been comments made
17 on previous days about "100 Women" and the "Daily Record". I wanted to acknowledge
18 both Pat Cornish and Judith Vaughn-Prather also received that recognition and
19 hopefully they're on their way toward their three years and can receive that recognition.
20 The question I had was so what is the status of the technology camps for , there was
21 some discussion about additional funding for the technology camps' request. Where is
22 that?

23
24 Judith Vaughn-Prather,
25 The Executive approved, put into our budget for this year almost double what we had
26 last year.

27
28 Councilmember Praisner,
29 All right.

30
31 Judith Vaughn-Prather,
32 So we should be...

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34 Councilmember Praisner,
35 So you're in good shape then.

36
37 Judith Vaughn-Prather,
38 The original plan, I think your package says we would be able to sail 30 girls but the
39 college raised the price, so it will be 26.

40
41 Councilmember Praisner,
42 But it is the additional, you did get the additional funds. Good, and the work on the
43 Immigrant Women Committee, that assistance is in the budget as well, correct?

44
45 Judith Vaughn-Prather,



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1 Yes, the Committee, actually we brought you practically hot off the press, we are a
2 finally able to publish the first two of the series...

3
4 Councilmember Praisner,
5 Oh, good, thank you.

6
7 Judith Vaughn-Prather,
8 ...in five languages, English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese, these are a
9 huge undertaking to do something like that. The Chair of that Committee wanted to be
10 here today but the two children were sick.

11
12 Councilmember Praisner,
13 This is fabulous, thank you so much. And thank you for your assistance on those
14 issues. And for the work with Domestic Violence as well. Thank you.

15
16 Judith Vaughn-Prather,
17 The Committee is still working on now, we pretty much got the language drafted for the
18 "Employment Guide For Domestic Workers," which will be published in at least three
19 languages, assuming we get our budget approved.

20
21 Council President Leventhal,
22 Ms. Floreen.

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24 Councilmember Floreen,
25 Thank you Mr. President, I spend a fair amount of time with leaders of the Commission
26 For Women. I know they're doing great things and I wanted to publicly express my
27 appreciation to you all for your hard work. We talked about their need for some
28 additional support, particularly as they've identified to assist them in their work for the
29 Immigrant Women Committee and their Girls In Technology work. So I'd like to move
30 addition to the Reconciliation List, of the half-time position.

31
32 Councilmember Silverman,
33 Seconded.

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35 Councilmember Floreen,
36 This will be a program specialist.

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38 Council President Leventhal,
39 Okay. Is there objection?

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41 Councilmember Praisner,
42 No.

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44 Council President Leventhal,



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1 Hearing no objection, the half-time program specialist will be added to the
2 Reconciliation List.

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4 Councilmember Floreen,
5 Just on the list, I'm getting it. Thank you.

6
7 Council President Leventhal,
8 Okay. If there are no further comments and there appear not to be, we thank the
9 Commission For Women and look forward to working with you in FY07. And next we
10 have the Historical Society. Is Mary Kay Harper here? So we'll wait -- we will not wait.
11 We will assume she will get here, and we'll take her up when she gets here. The State's
12 Attorney is not here either.

13
14 Jean Arthur,
15 You can probably do the Historical Society. It's just \$64,000 and change -- \$64,500.

16
17 Council President Leventhal,
18 You mean Historical Society. Oh, okay, is there objection to approving \$64,000 routine
19 grant for the Historical Society?

20
21 Councilmember Praisner,
22 No.

23
24 Council President Leventhal,
25 Hearing no objection, it is approved. And Mr. Andrews, Chairman of the Public Safety
26 Commission, will now walk us through the...is the State's Attorney, are we ready for the
27 State Attorney's budget? Here he is, the State's Attorney is here. Chairman Andrews.

28
29 Councilmember Andrews,
30 Right, good afternoon, everyone. Okay, we're going to start with the State's Attorney,
31 then go to the Sheriff's Office, and then the Department of Correction and
32 Rehabilitation. Linda McMillan has done her usual excellent job in analyzing all of these
33 budgets, and I have to note that she has kept her streak alive in all these budgets of
34 finding reductions. You'll see a trend here but the Councilmember that we actually did
35 take a slight reduction in the proposed Department of Police. It was small. But and this
36 one is not large but Linda does scrutinize the numbers very carefully, and we'll see that
37 a little later in order to get the right ones. [INAUDIBLE], so she can teach math
38 somewhere. But this is not a very, a different budget from the current one. Its main
39 change in terms of funding is to annualize the positions that the Council added in April
40 to staff-up the Juvenile Prosecution ability, capability by adding a Juvenile Prosecution
41 which annualizing that and also the Legal Assistant for Juvenile Prosecution. So we're
42 recommending that those funds be put in so those are annualized positions in this
43 budget because they're clearly needed. And also to defer for now the Senior
44 Technology Specialist who would be associated with the case management system
45 since it's just not quite ready, and we'll come back to that when it is. So we deferred that



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1 position which saves \$25,000 at this time. We'll come to that later in the fall. Those are
2 really the only significant changes in the budget as proposed. The office in the view of
3 the Committee, continues to do an excellent job, and with a lean staff compared to
4 many other offices and jurisdictions of this size, and carrying out its duties. And let me
5 see if the State's Attorney would like to comment at all on how he sees
6 things going in this year or the next year.

7
8 Council President Leventhal,
9 Press the button there and introduce yourself.

10
11 Doug Gansler,
12 Doug Gansler, State's Attorney Montgomery County, I appreciate the Chairman's
13 comments and the Committee that we met with Mr. Subin and Mr. Knapp have been
14 very understanding of our plight and helpful and we really don't have any additions or
15 comments above and beyond what's proposed.

16
17 Linda McMillan,
18 If I could just clarify, there's two things, there's annualizing the Assistant State's Attorney
19 and Legal Assistant which you all approved via special appropriation. And then the
20 Committee is recommending an additional part-time Legal Assistant to further assist in
21 the Juvenile Prosecution area with a focus on coordination with the Department of
22 Juvenile Services.

23
24 Councilmember Andrews,
25 That's right.

26
27 Council President Leventhal,
28 Okay. Ms. Praisner.

29
30 Councilmember Praisner,
31 Yes, I just wondered if you had an estimate of the FY06 costs for the Sniper Trial, we
32 had asked last year that that all be tabulated in one place and I wasn't sure how were
33 collecting that information. But from your department's perspective what are the costs?

34
35 Doug Gansler,
36 Our expert budget man Mr. Baker, I thought that you might ask that. I guess I'd start by
37 saying I've never heard of my 13 years of trying to figure out a prosecuting, to try to
38 figure out whatever a particular prosecution costs, but you did assign...

39
40 Councilmember Praisner,
41 We asked for that last year so I noticed to keep track of it.

42
43 Doug Gansler,
44 And we have, and I appreciate your doing that. I think that's a really good use of our
45 resources. As of this morning, we've spent \$1,412 on this type of prosecution which is



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1 about \$240 per murder. We did spend \$89, I guess yesterday and that rose it to \$1,412,
2 and that is the total actual cost of the sniper prosecution up until now. I would not expect
3 it to go up more than a couple of thousand dollars between now and the conclusion of
4 the whole matter in terms of the prosecution. It's actually, as I've said from the very
5 beginning, a far cheaper, less expensive prosecution than most murder cases because
6 everything was already prepared for us. We had all the evidence and so we have no
7 costs. And I guess one thing that's happened in terms of cost to, actual costs, real costs
8 in the trial is that Mr. Muhammad representing himself, two things happened I guess.
9 One is we didn't seek the death penalty which would have some costs, not great costs,
10 but some costs associated with it because of at that phase of a trial there might be
11 experts and so forth that would need to be called. And secondly, Mr. Muhammad was
12 represented by the public defender's office but they're on salary so there wouldn't have
13 been a cost there but they might have incurred some cost, which they have not,
14 because they are not representing him anymore, and the stand-by Counselor is doing it
15 for free, so your \$1,412...

16
17 Councilmember Praisner,
18 Okay, that's in your department. We will have the same questions for Corrections and
19 the Sheriff's Office and the Courts.

20
21 Doug Gansler,
22 And I'm a huge fan of both the Sheriff and the Head of Department of Corrections so I
23 wouldn't comment on the costs but...

24
25 Councilmember Praisner,
26 No, they're here, they can answer.

27
28 Doug Gansler,
29 And if there were five people in the courtroom when I went to see it so any other
30 questions?

31
32 Council President Leventhal,
33 Mr. Silverman.

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35 Councilmember Silverman,
36 Mr. Gansler, I'm disappointed because I think last year at this time when this issue
37 came up you assured us that it wouldn't cost more than, I believe you said \$48. If we go
38 back to the transcript I think that's what you indicated. What accounts for this excessive
39 expenditure in your office?

40
41 Doug Gansler,
42 You may go to the transcript, what I did say at that time, we spent \$48 because we've
43 been storing the evidence in our office. In a room in the office and we got a lock. So it
44 costs \$48 to put the lock on the door so that was the cost at that point. And we've had
45 that additional \$1,300-some-odd since that point.



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1
2 Councilmember Silverman,
3 Thank you for clarifying that important thing.

4
5 Doug Gansler,
6 Thank you.

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8 Council President Leventhal,
9 Chairman Andrews.

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11 Councilmember Andrews,
12 I think that's it for the State's Attorney budget.

13
14 Council President Leventhal,
15 Without objection, the State's Attorney's budget is approved. Thanks very much.

16
17 Doug Gansler,
18 Thank you.

19
20 Council President Leventhal,
21 We are now going to call up the Sheriff.

22
23 Councilmember Praisner,
24 They have different numbers.

25
26 Council President Leventhal,
27 Sheriff Kight, come on up and press the button and introduce yourself. The light doesn't
28 go on unfortunately.

29
30 Councilmember Praisner,
31 I'm just saying, put a sign up. We're saving money, there is no light.

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33 Council President Leventhal,
34 Chairman Andrews.

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36 Councilmember Andrews,
37 Thank you. Thank you. Well, the Committee met to discuss the proposed budget and
38 noted once again the outstanding work that the office does in serving Domestic
39 Violence orders and doing checks, wellness checks. They are extremely efficient and
40 attentive to serving papers as quickly as they possibly can, and they have shown time
41 and time again leadership in taking on responsibilities in this area, and that's why the
42 Council made the decision several years ago to put the Domestic Violence Coordinator
43 under the office of the Sheriff because of the great confidence it has in what the
44 Department already demonstrated its commitment to. And that certainly continues. The
45 Committee is unanimously recommending the budget before you. There are several

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1 changes here but one is to, in terms of the staffing for five Deputies for the Domestic
2 Violence Section, that really is anticipated to replace what's currently spent using
3 overtime to achieve the needs that have division. So a lot of what we're doing in the
4 Public Safety Arena right now is to get the correct amount of over time and the correct
5 amount of permanent staffing in place for the different agencies. We've done that with
6 Police. We are doing it with Corrections. We're doing it here with Domestic Violence
7 Section because we want to get the ability to really get from the start the right amount of
8 overtime appropriated, and then to hold agencies accountable for sticking to that. And
9 really the only way to do that fairly is to determine what the amount of staffing is that's
10 needed. Normally given the relief factors, given how many people you need to staff a
11 post 24/7 which is in the range of 4.5 to 5 people depending on the agency, given the
12 various requirements and realities of life. So well that's what we're attempting to do.
13 There are several program measures attached to the packet. In terms of the Domestic
14 Violence Coordinating Council which the Council established recently, we are
15 recommending and this is not in the Executive's budget, that there be put on the
16 Reconciliation List 1.25 work years to ensure that this Council truly can stay on top of
17 things on a day to-day basis and coordinate the work the issues associated with
18 Domestic Violence across the agencies which often have to be dealt with in extremely
19 timely fashion to secure, maximize the chance of safety for people who are victims of
20 Domestic Violence. And to ensure that we're on the cutting edge of doing all we can to
21 have successful prosecutions while keeping victims safe. So that is proposed for the
22 Reconciliation List. The overtime budget is increased by \$358,000 to reflect the actual
23 demands, again this is to get this amount right-sized, so to speak, so that we can have
24 more accountability once we have the proper figure. We recommending the addition of
25 8 vehicles to the fleet which was proposed in the County Executive's budget. And some
26 security equipment enhancement as well for the Judicial Center of about \$221,000. And
27 security for the red brick courthouse which is now in use with the new judge. Eventually
28 once we have the judicial annex built, we'll be able to centralize that. But for now we
29 have security that's in different places, not optimal, but it's not necessary, of course,
30 when you have judge's operating in different places. So that's a summary of the budget.
31 Let me see if the Sheriff would like to comment on how he sees things.

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33 Sheriff Ray Kight,

34 Yes, sir, I would just like to make a brief comment. I know I will be asked how much we
35 have spend on the Sniper Trial thus far, and the cost to us at the end of April was
36 \$218,536. We expect this before this trial's over and the Malvo trial that'll be more than
37 doubled.

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39 Councilmember Andrews,
40 It's been clear from the...

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42 Sheriff Ray Kight,
43 Yes, ma'am.

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45 Councilmember Praisner,



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1 Almost half a million dollars?

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3 Sheriff Ray Kight,
4 Yes, ma'am.

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6 Councilmember Praisner,
7 Thank you.

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9 Sheriff Ray Kight,
10 Yeah, it's...

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12 Councilmember Andrews,
13 Based on the discussions in the Committee, it's clear that the major costs of the Sniper
14 Trial are in the guarding, the guarding, corrections and the Sheriff's Office of guarding
15 Malvo and Muhammad.

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17 Sheriff Ray Kight,
18 About \$6,000 a week to provide security for...

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20 Councilmember Andrews,
21 Security and guard, security for the Sheriff.

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23 Sheriff Ray Kight,
24 I'd also like to add that there are other off shoots to this trial. We, for instance, we had
25 an incident yesterday where the Clerk's Office was called and Judges and Deputies and
26 Police Officers were threatened. We didn't know where that stemmed from. It could
27 have been a copycat from Virginia or it could have been related to the Sniper Trial. So
28 we had to assign some of our best investigators to that. And we took that individual into
29 custody an hour and a half after called. And then we had the one who was shouting
30 obscenities here prior, return to the courthouse this afternoon in a drunken condition,
31 and we had to take care that have too so, things happen as a result of this trial going
32 on.

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34 Councilmember Andrews,
35 Okay, well, we appreciate your tracking the costs and it's clear the cost of the Sniper
36 Trial are much more in your department and corrections than in the State's Attorney's
37 Office.

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39 Sheriff Ray Kight,
40 Yes, sir.

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42 Councilmember Andrews,
43 Linda, do you have anything you want to add?

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45 Linda McMillan,



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1 No.

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3 Councilmember Andrews,
4 Okay. All right. That's the recommendation of the Committee.

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6 Council President Leventhal,
7 All right. Thank you very much Sheriff.

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9 Sheriff Ray Kight,
10 Thank you, all very much. Appreciate it.

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12 Council President Leventhal,
13 Department of Corrections is next.

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15 Councilmember Andrews,
16 All right, here they come.

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18 Council President Leventhal,
19 Mr. Wallenstein, please introduce yourself.

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21 Art Wallenstein,
22 Art Wallenstein, Director, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation.

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24 Council President Leventhal,
25 Very good.

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27 Art Wallenstein,
28 And at the front table, go ahead.

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30 Mark Wolf,
31 Mark Wolf, Corrections, Chief Management Services.

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33 Paul Hadeed,
34 Paul Hadeed, Budget and Procurements.

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36 Councilmember Andrews,
37 Good afternoon everybody. Those of you who were down in the cafeteria at lunch
38 noticed a group of people preparing for a grilling, not a grill on a barbecue.

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40 Councilmember Silverman,
41 That was Weast.

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43 [LAUGHTER]

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45 Councilmember Andrews,

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1 It didn't look like him. But in any event, this is always a well prepared department and so
2 later on I'll have to throw that I mean curve ball and ask them something that they might
3 not have prepared for which will be hard. But this is a department that I think, and I think
4 the Committee would agree and the Council as well, is doing remarkable things. Has a
5 remarkable leadership team in place led by Art Wallenstein that is pushing the envelope
6 every day, and we most recently added a one-stop career center, that was dedicated a
7 couple of weeks ago out at the correctional facility. To improve reentry services, and
8 with the goal of reducing recidivism by enabling folks leaving the facility to become
9 productive members of society, and make their stop at the Detention Center, truly just
10 their one and only stop in a facility like that. So it was a good ceremony. And the one-
11 stop shop is underway. And there are a lot of efforts going on, collaborative efforts with
12 other agencies to improve reentry services and reduce the chance of recidivism which is
13 in everyone's interest because everybody at the correctional facility is coming back into
14 the community and we want them to come back successfully and stay in the community,
15 not go back to Clarksburg. And I think the Department is doing everything it possibly
16 can to make that happen. We did have a discussion in Committee about the need to
17 establish a plan on tracking recidivism and the Director is planning to come back in the
18 fall with a plan about how to do that because we want to add that to our program
19 measures, because that really is one of the most important things the Department can
20 possibly do is to reduce the recidivism rate so that is sort of next step. And that's not
21 easy to track. But I know they'll find a way to do it and we'll look forward to talking to
22 them about that. In terms of the budget, the Department in the last couple of years
23 spent enormous amount of time calculating what the net annual work years are for
24 custody and security to determine exactly how many people they need to staff the post.
25 The Department has not changed the number of posts at the correctional facility in
26 Clarksburg, but they have come up with a solid number as to how many people are
27 needed to staff each post. And it took a while to do that, but they have done that, and
28 that is the basis for the calculation of the number of positions that need to be funded in
29 the budget. It's a, I think it's exactly the way to do it, Linda McMillan worked very hard
30 on this issue as well. And the 19 additional positions that are in here for that are a result
31 of that calculation. It's called the relief factor, in fact, how many people are needed to
32 staff a post 24/7 given how many things that occur during the year. Training
33 requirement, sick leave, people away for various reasons, all the things that you can
34 possibly think of are factored in and you come up with a number of work years you need
35 to staff it. And that is what that number reflects. I'm not going to go into too much detail
36 on that, but they calculated down to the number of hours, 306,393 hours are needed to
37 staff the post at MCCI. So it was the type of exhaustive research to get to that number.
38 In terms of overtime, again in this department, where we've been working over the past
39 couple of years to get to the appropriate amount of overtime that is anticipated for
40 factors other than getting to the right number of staff. Overtime that you're going to have
41 on a regular basis because it's built in to the system or because it's emergency
42 overtime. You need a certain amount that you assume cannot be predicted. But we're
43 trying to eliminate as much as we can the overtime the results being structurally below
44 where you should be, and that's has been the goal here. The increase in overtime would
45 bring the amount up to just under \$4 million in FY 07. Operating expenses are straight

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1 forward I think. There's a group position for community health that's drawn from a
2 different fund. Pretrial services, no new budget requests there, although there is a trend
3 in more pretrial supervision, and we're seeing the estimate I think going up to close to
4 \$1,900 or just under 2,000 people that will be in pretrial supervision expected in the
5 coming year. So that has been increasing over the past few years. And that's, doing that
6 successfully reduces the cost of keeping people behind bars who don't need to be. And
7 that is a balance, but I think they're doing very good work there. And they have the
8 confidence of the other agencies that are involved in Criminal Justice System and how
9 they do that. That prerelease services again...

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11 Linda McMillan,

12 Mr. Andrews, if I can just interrupt you, because I want to make sure that you let the rest
13 of the councilmembers know that the committee added a position here to try to bring the
14 case load down to about 70 for the supervision track. It's Reconciliation List item of
15 \$68,000 for Correctional Specialists and what you'll see is they're expecting almost
16 2400 persons to be in the supervision track next year. And the Committee had a
17 discussion of the types of offenders that they're working with, and the need to keep the
18 case loads reasonable, and so the Committee added this position on Reconciliation List
19 to try to keep the case loads at a level to allow for the intensive type of supervision that
20 you need to handle these people in the community.

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22 Councilmember Andrews,

23 And it is a big increase. It's more than I actually had stated earlier. It's anticipated to be
24 just under 2,400 people whereas this year it was anticipated to, it was actually 2,200 in
25 FY05 but much less in FY04, 1,700, so this is a growing area, and the Committee is
26 recommending that for the Reconciliation List. Prerelease services, no major changes
27 there although there is the addition of the one-stop which we hope will contribute to the
28 success of that. The Committee is recommending to put on the Reconciliation List a one
29 half work year for librarian to bring the total from 1 1/2 to two at the facility. In terms of
30 inmate telephone revenues, for some time the County was receiving funds above the
31 costs that were required to pay for the cost of inmate telephone calls. And the
32 Committee believes that the policy should be that the cost of the calls should be what
33 the County is charging to the people using them and not anything more than that. And
34 so the Committee is recommending that the Council assume a reduction in revenue of
35 \$150,000 as a result of a change in policy of not, in my view, overcharging over the cost
36 of a telephone call. Federal inmates budget assumes revenues from housing federal
37 inmates will decrease by about 40%. I'd like to have the director just comment on that
38 as to the trends we're seeing that there and what's happening in that area?

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40 Art Wallenstein,

41 Our population has gone up one step, about 60 people, and we simply have less
42 available space to take in prisoners who we made a great deal of money off of, frankly,
43 over an extended number of years after we built a very solid relationship with the
44 Marshal. In the past year clearly the gang population has grown significantly and we've
45 made an ironclad commitment to the Upcounty community that we would not over build

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1 this jail in order to maximize revenue from taking outside prisoners. So since we're
2 down to our last full housing unit we want to keep it open at all costs, keep it available
3 for local prisoners, if and when the time comes that we need it, which could happen,
4 and so we've simply lowered our federal prisoner population from around 50 to 25. And
5 that's what it is. It still generates a very nice amount of revenue, and we'll keep taking it
6 until such a point as that space becomes needed for local prisoners. And that's really
7 the sole focus of this issue, the two, the local prisoners and the commitment to the
8 Upcounty community.

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10 Councilmember Andrews,
11 And we're assuming in the budget about \$1.1 million received in fiscal year 07 from the
12 federal SCAAP allocation, an acronym that I could identify on a multiple choice list, but
13 whose exact name escapes me.

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15 Art Wallenstein,
16 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

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18 Councilmember Andrews,
19 That has been proposed for cuts in the last couple federal budgets. It's been restored by
20 congressional action and we anticipate they'll restore it again.

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22 Art Wallenstein,
23 We hope so. We actually bring in more revenue than the entire State of Maryland
24 because of good work that Mark Wolf and Paul Hadeed and Carl Furr, and we help the
25 FBI in helping to track cases. So, we are able to maximize the bed space and this is still
26 a [METROPO] for many people coming into Maryland, in various immigration statuses,
27 and so we receive our fair share of that population and we generate that revenue that
28 the law permits. It's been zeroed for three years and restored for the last three years, so
29 it'll eventually die but it's with us now.

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31 Councilmember Andrews,
32 Why don't you talk for just a couple minutes about what I think is the extraordinary work
33 in collaboration that your department is now doing with inmate reentry efforts to reduce
34 recidivism and successfully help inmates get their lives on track?

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36 Art Wallenstein,
37 This is an iterative process and there's no question it began with the exceptional work
38 done at the prerelease center for a generation. And of course under Stefan LoBuglio's
39 leadership, that program continues to develop. And they see over 25% of all the
40 sentenced prisoners that come into the County, many of whom are clearly not
41 appropriate for community based programs, or detainees, or leaving for other locations.
42 Warden Rob Green and his staff have stepped forward in conjunction with our partners
43 in the Department of Economic Development, Eric Seleznow who is the County's
44 Workforce Manager, and we opened the One-Stop smack in the middle of the jail. And
45 it's really a core for bringing together a lot of other programs, many of which you're

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familiar with, whether it's GED or ESOL, whether it's computer education, the sweet release bakery training program, and food service training program, that now we're engaging through one-stop, which is a superb program, that Eric operates in the County in different locations, and we're also engaging the faith community to train mentors to begin to work with this population, who isn't going to get the prerelease, or may not get to prerelease, or may walk out of the jail without notice, frankly, but they're going back to our community, they are not going back to the state prison system for the next two decades, or a third world country, or even across the County line. And Warden Green and his staff have really built a whole residential program for reentry, trying to work with various offenders at 90 days, until departure. Focusing on everything from housing, job skills, workforce development, job placement, and a range of other issues. Plus the programs that you always have funded and approved that are also a part of this system. Then at some point trying to figure out a matrix, of course, of what works, but we're serious about it, because we have the support of Council all these years to do programs in a County Jail, it's not a quantum leap. It's just a real improvement of collaboration, and we could have done none of this without our partners in Economic Development, and now a wide range of faith community volunteers and mentors, who are going to be trained in various other stakeholder groups in the community. So, it's enjoyable and I think it also speaks to the future.

Councilmember Andrews,
Okay, I see a couple of lights.

Council President Leventhal,
Ms. Praisner.

Councilmember Praisner,
Well, I just had some overall comments, when Mr. Wallenstein was identified as the new head of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, I made a phone call to King County to check on the gentleman who would soon be here in Montgomery County with my friends on the King County Board. And received a quantity of information from them, all of it good. Including the lamentation from them that they were losing such and outstanding individual. In the years since then I've had the opportunity through the National Association of Counties, to see Mr. Wallenstein interact with the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee especially, be called on to go to Capital Hill on a variety of issues. And I've watched him put together an incredible team, focused on the best in corrections and rehabilitation as we know it, now and where we want it to be. I just wanted to comment that I thought the workforce piece, the one-stop shop, and the engagement and interaction of using the community as well as government in this initiative, is just the beginning I think, of what we can achieve here in Montgomery County. And although the location of the correctional facility and the costs associated with that are still a problem for me, and the numbers reflect what my colleagues at that point, and I highlighted of the cost implications of a correctional facility so far away from, and the dual kind of structure that we appeared to have walked into, or continue to walk into are still a very troubling issue for me. I think both in this budget and the work that's



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1 been done from the overtime perspective, and in the correction and service. The only
2 area where I have a concern is, I think, rectified by the committee's recommendation for
3 additional support for the library, the correctional library area. From a stand point of the
4 number of personnel that I think physically need to be located there for safety, and for
5 service delivery. I think this is an outstanding budget and a reflection, not just of you Mr.
6 Wallenstein, but of the staff you've put together as well, and I want to thank you.

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8 Councilmember Andrews,
9 Great team.

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11 Council President Leventhal,
12 Okay, there are no further lights, Mr. Chairman anything else...

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14 Linda McMillan,
15 Could I actually make one comment?

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17 Council President Leventhal,
18 Go ahead, Ms. McMillan.

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20 Linda McMillan,
21 I just think it's important, because the plan that's in the packet is a revised staffing plan
22 from what the Executive sent over, and the Department was very gracious in working
23 with me in consultation in doing this, and so I just wanted to be clear on the record that
24 there is a reduction overall based on the plan that we revised, to what the Executive had
25 recommended, and there's a different mix of staffing, and in doing this, we also tried to
26 make very clear to the committee that there are certain things for which there is no cost
27 estimate yet at this point such as overtime for Captains and Lieutenants, and some of
28 the special assignments that they have. And so this is still a little bit of a work in
29 progress, and I just wanted to make sure on the record that the Council understood that
30 we had put together a revised staffing plan, that there are still some caveats to it, and I
31 wanted to thank the Department for being willing to really rework from the bottom up
32 with me, the staffing in these two areas.

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34 Council President Leventhal,
35 Okay, without objection the Department of Corrections budget is approved.

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37 Art Wallenstein,
38 Thank you.

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40 Council President Leventhal,
41 Last Item is an NDA for Prisoner Medical Services, Chairman Andrews.

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43 Councilmember Andrews,



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1 Thank you, this is a estimated amount that we put in each year, because we don't know
2 what the amount will be, but we have to pay it. We're assuming \$10,000 this year, it
3 may be more, it may be less.

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5 Council President Leventhal,

6 Okay, without objection it will be approved. The Council is adjourned. The Education
7 Committee will meet when Mr. Chairman? Right away? Immediately.

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